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"...in the mirror of each soul the whole community finds its reflection..."
- Rudolf Steiner

look back - look ahead look at yourself - look at each other

From Colonial Inauguration to becoming alumni, the GW experience has come full circle.

We reflect the diverse texture and colorful patterns of our community. We carry within us, the reflection of each other.







to the class of 2009

In our reflection we see the events and people who have shaped us. At The George Washington University, we had the unique opportunity to live and learn with extraordinary individuals in a remarkable city and time.

It has been an eventful ride, but there is no doubt the 2008 presidential election will stand out in our memories as a defining moment. Political affiliations aside, we were witness to the quintessential GW experience our senior year. The engaging campaign, exciting election, monumental inauguration and the Inaugural Ball were our personal homecoming and the epitome of Colonial spirit.

The passion and drive GW students have are unparalleled. Activists at heart, our class loves more than just politics. We are artists, environmentalists, researchers and community supporters. We had the opportunity to engage in these activities as students, but more importantly, GW has provided us with the skills and confidence to continue our dreams when we leave Foggy Bottom.

We stand at a pivotal moment in time right now, in between our past and future. As we graduate into a less than promising economy and challenging job market, we may encounter many obstacles. But I continue to be optimistic for our future. Our GW experience has taught us that if we aim high we can accomplish anything. We have done so much already, there is no doubt that we will be the force of energy that changes the world.

This yearbook is meant to be a celebration of our time and accomplishments at GW. So have a cupcake and pop open that bottle of champagne because we have so much to celebrate. Yet, we have so much to still accomplish and to contribute to the world. My hope is that this book will remind you of who you are, where you've come from, what you want to be and where you want to go. May you find your reflection in its pages.

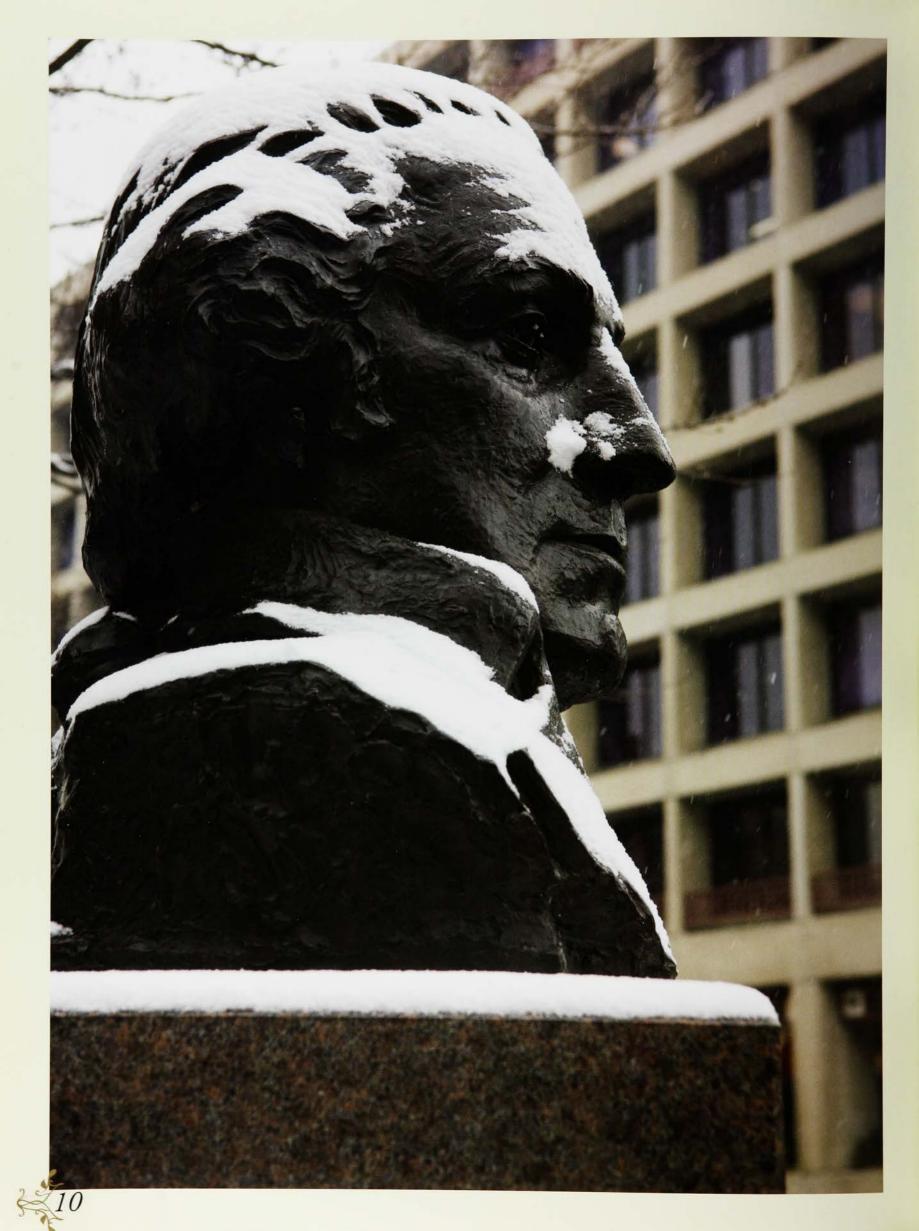
This book is dedicated to my friends, classmates and the entire GW community. It has been a privilege to create this gift for you. Congratulations on your achievements and I can only toast to our future!

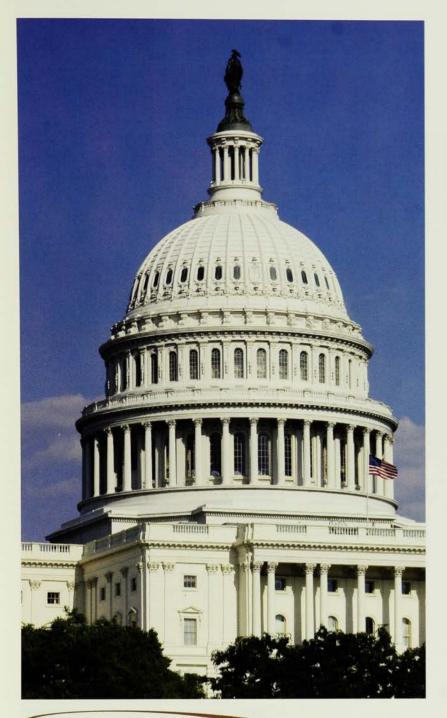
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Nikki Rappaport Editor in Chief

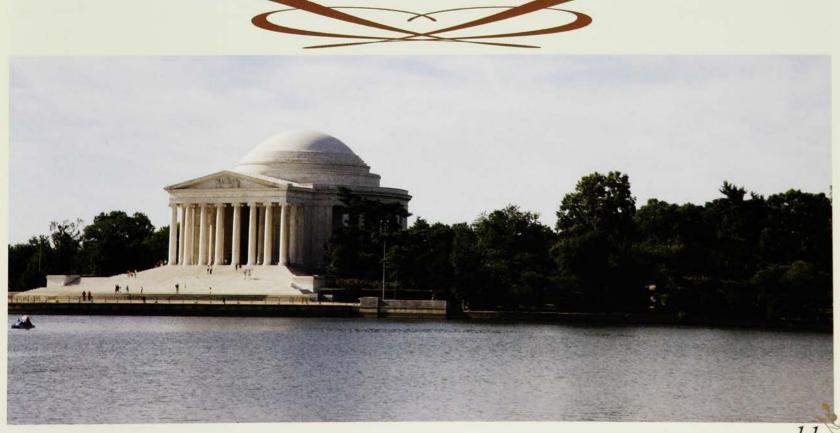


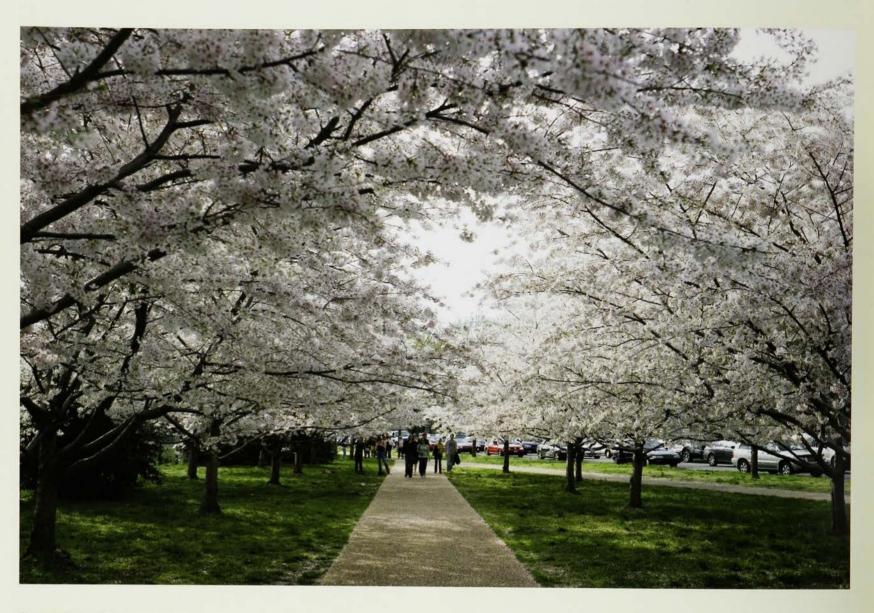






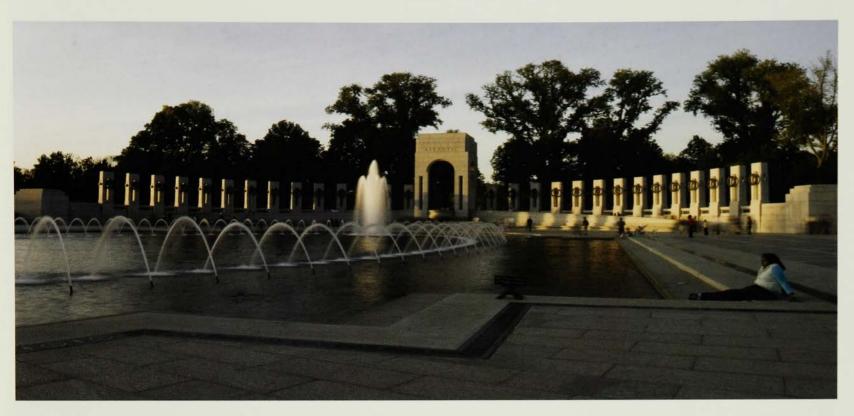








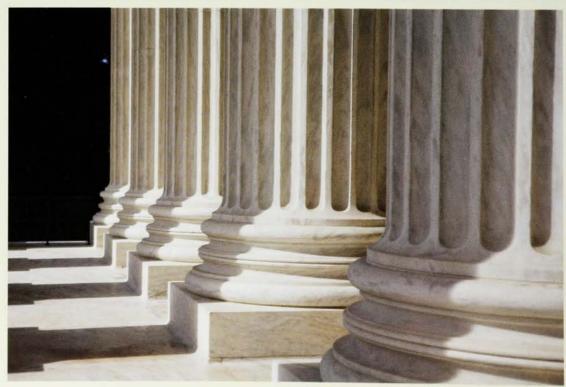




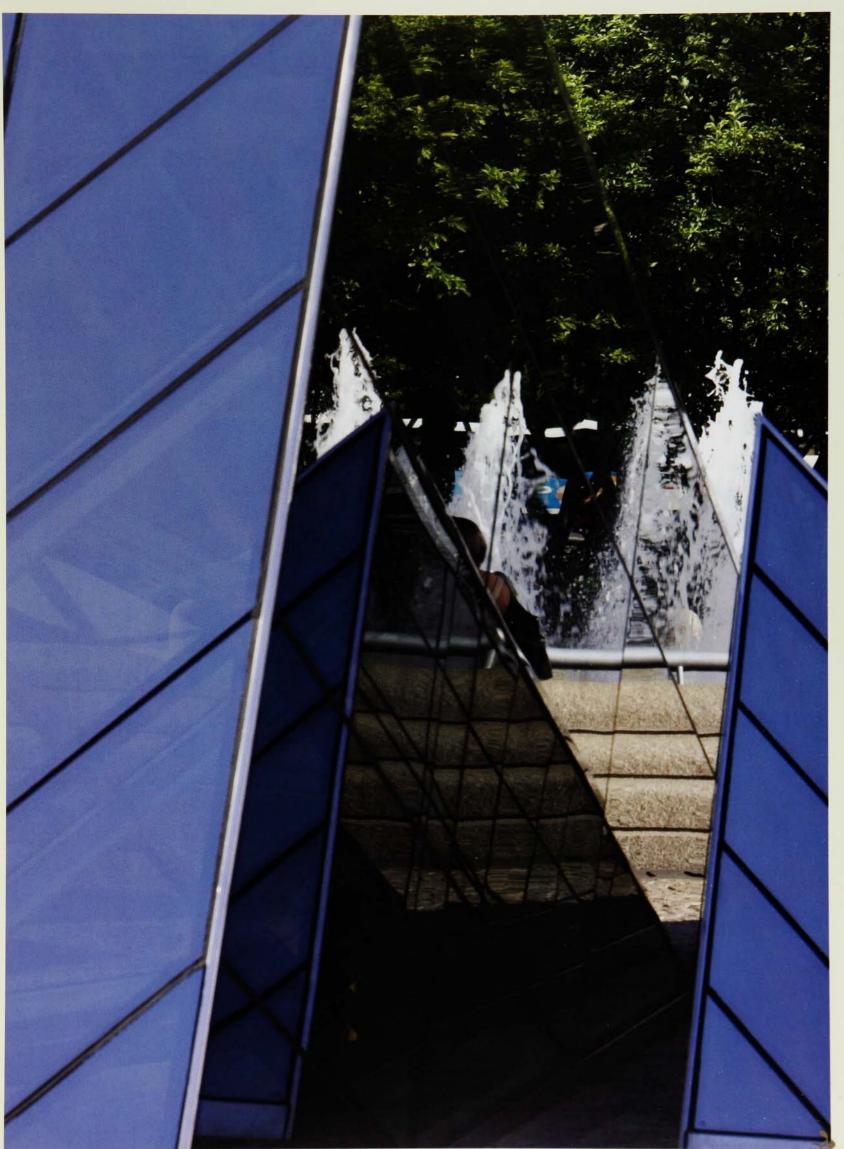




















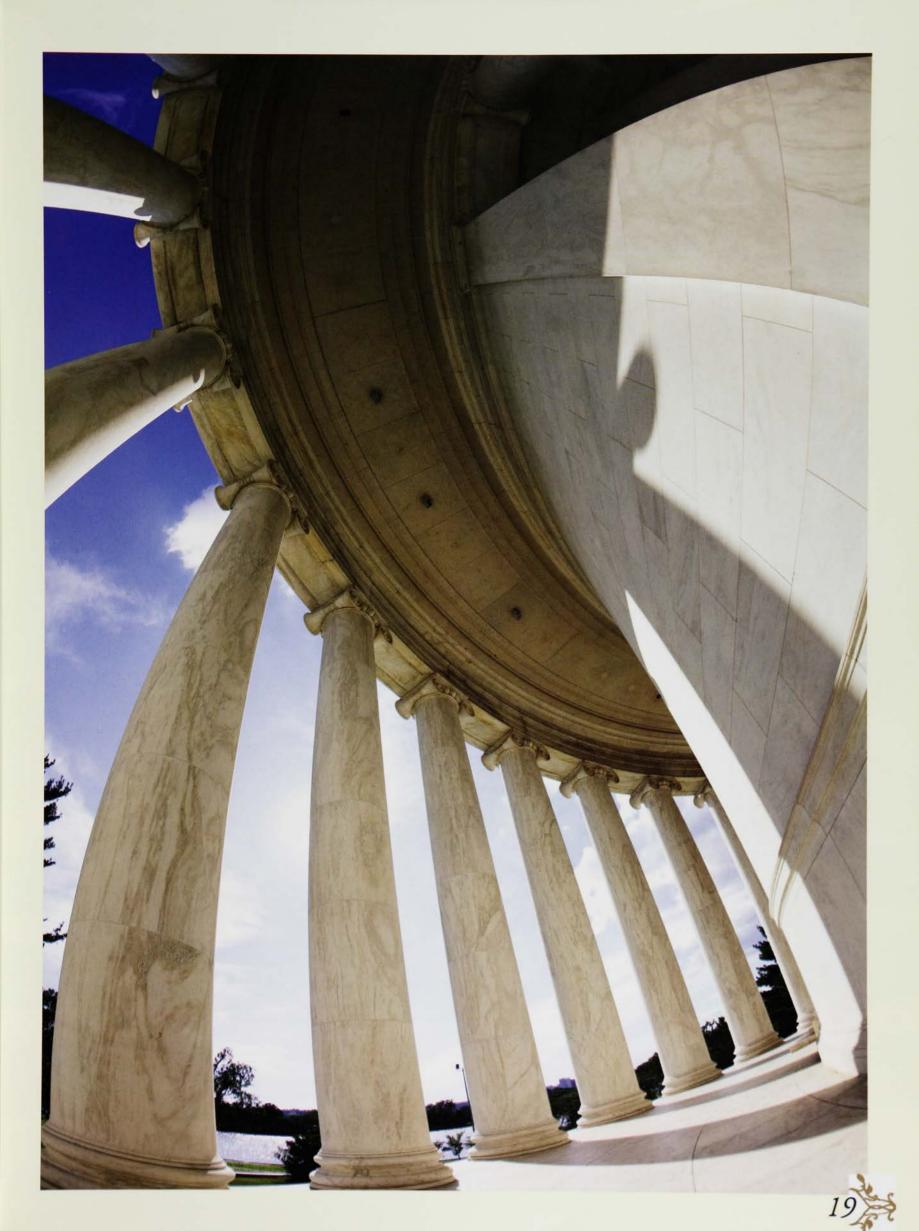
















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Welcome to

Students returned to the District amid a flurry of events

By Cory Howard

Refreshed by a long summer break, GW students were eager to begin the new year in the District. Welcome Week was designed to not only welcome returning students but to introduce incoming freshmen to their new home. The Program Board sponsored activities throughout the week to assist students with the transition to college life. From the Student Organization Block Party to Fall Fest, students were welcomed back to campus with free food, old and new friends and good times.

Although a popular tradition that was eagerly anticipated by the upperclassmen, for freshmen, Welcome Week served as an introduction to life at GW. Wide-eyed freshmen arrived with a scant knowledge of the campus and the district from Colonial Inauguration. However, many of the events, such as the Colonial Quest, allowed students to continue to learn about their home for the next four years.

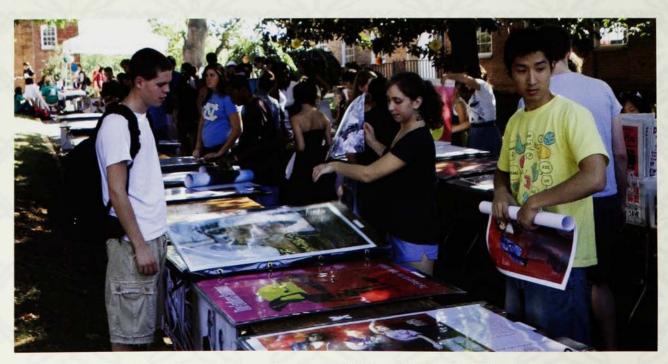
While Welcome Week was designed to introduce students to campus life, the events took students away from campus and into a variety of D.C. neighborhoods. D.C. in a Day, a faculty-guided tour of popular metro area attractions and a Nationals-Phillies game, helped orient the district newcomers.

Although events were designed to make sure students left their room to participate in their new community, Program Board also made sure students had a chance to make their residence halls

feel like home. While buses ferried students to the Columbia Heights Target to stock up on dorm essentials, GW Housing Programs held a seminar, "Design on a Dime." This session gave many newcomers the opportunity to learn how to personalize their rooms on a college budget.

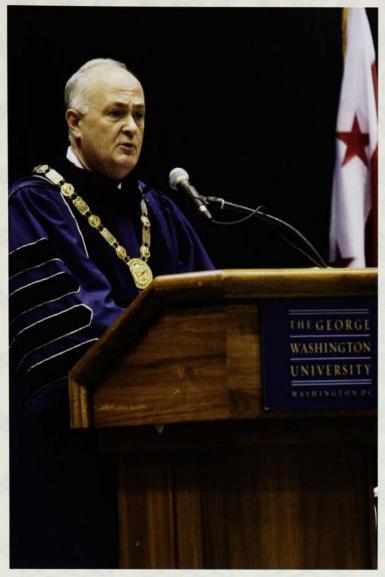
Welcome Week was not only filled with exciting activates, but it served as a way to kick-off the new academic year. Freshmen Convocation, the official ceremony that marked the beginning of the school year, was held on Sunday, Sept. 7 in the Smith Center. This annual tradition drew over 1000 students, who witnessed the ceremonial beginning of their college career.

Along with being a fun-filled transition back into college life, Welcome Week was a time of new adventures, new memories, and lasting traditions. Returning students were excited to see old friends while newcomers were anxious to familiarize themselves with their new home.



A student peruses the selection of posters that were for sale at the GW Bazaar. During the Sunday afternoon on the Mount Vernon Campus, students enjoyed food, henna tattoos and a wide selection of crafts.





Commencement is the official opening to the new academic year. University President Steven Knapp delivered the keynote speech to the Class of 2012 urging them to make the best of their four years.



Students celebrated the new year with their fellow classmates at Freshmen convocation. President Knapp as well as other academic officials spoke to the assembly about their next four years at GW.



New students spoke with members of the Residence Hall Association to learn about dorm life at GW. Many new students used this time to clarify any questions they had about their new home.



During the Target Takeover, students traveled by bus to the Target in Columbia Heights to stock up on the dorm essentials. Many students used this time to bond with their new roommates.

BACKIN STYLE

AMID CONTROVERSY, FALL FEST ATTRACTS OVER A THOUSAND STUDENTS TO CELEBRATE THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

By Cory Howard

An annual Foggy Bottom tradition, Fall Fest was a fun way to usher in the new academic year. Over the years the festivities became increasingly popular and 2008 was no different. Over a thousand students congregated on Sept. 6 and eagerly anticipated admittance to the Smith Center to begin an afternoon of free food, t-shirt give-aways, and student and professional performances.

The 2008 festivities took place amid controversy and a flurry of student outcry concerning Program Board's struggles in signing a headline artist. Program Board had discussed a possible performance by DJ Girl Talk, a popular Metro-area artist, and with just under a week before the doors opened, contract flaws and communication failures forced to University to withdraw the offer.

Finding a band to carry the show proved to be extremely difficult given the time restrictions, yet the planners of Fall Fest were able to sign Cannon Logic to open the show and The Virginia Coalition to fill the much-needed role of feature artist. As the day drew near the University surprised students by adding Wale, one of R&B's up and coming performers, to the already impressive list of entertainers.

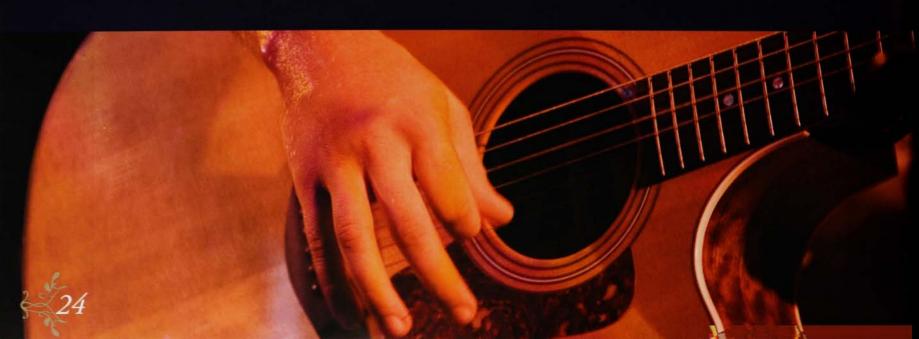
Live performances were only some of the multitudinous activities that Program Board had planned for the day. Students were treated to free hotdogs and hamburgers, t-shirts and an inflatable gladiator ring. In the opinion of many students, the main attraction was not the performers but rather the variety of other events.

"We weren't really sure who was performing, we came when we heard about the gladiator joust and free food," said freshmen Catherine Humphreys.

Students from every year gathered to enjoy an afternoon of activities and an evening of enjoyable musical performances. Although the 2008 Fall Fest may have seemed like an ordinary day of festivities, the controversy that surrounded the events was sure to mark it as one of the more unique collegiate experiences.



senior Alex Hecht races on an inflatable obstacle course. Fall Fest was known for ts musical performances, yet students also enjoyed many other fun activities.







By Cory Howard

The GW experience was characterized by grand memories that would never be forgotten. For students at The George Washington University, one of the most enduring recollections was the midnight walk around the spectacularly lit monuments. Whether it was at Colonial Inauguration or senior year with someone special, many students have unique memories of their time spent at the monuments.

Students took advantage of their surroundings and toured the collection of historical monoliths. Undergraduates studied on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, played football at the base of the Washington Monument, and solemnly honored the sacrifices made by those at the Vietnam Memorial during history class. While others were only able to view the American shrines in movies, GW students enjoy visiting them at any hour of the day, a privilege reserved for those who called Foggy Bottom home.











GWby Day & Micole Kingston, Maria Cheung, Angelica Spanos

Monday

After a fun and relaxing weekend, students headed to the 4th floor of the Marvin Center. Many students spent the day working and meeting in their respective student organization's office.

Tuesday

Armed with iPods and Starbucks lattes, Colonials packed the study rooms and stacks at Gelman Library. Studying at Gelman easily turned into a nighttime activity for many students, as all-nighters were common during midterms and finals.

Wednesday

Art history students attended class at the National Portrait Gallery. Since D.C. offered myriad hands-on experiences, academics were not limited to the classroom.



Mondays were full of work and stress for most students. Yet, they looked forward to going to Froggy Bottom Pub for its half-priced beer and pizza special, where friends bonded over drinks and good food at an affordable price. Every Tuesday, seniors flocked to the local campus hotspot, McFadden's for its drink specials and happy hours. Colonials loved seeing old friends and celebrating finally being 21 together before graduation. The basketball games gave Colonials the perfect opportunity to support their favorite players and show their school spirit with the cheer and dance teams. Fans came decked out in buff and blue, ready to chant the fight song to the music of Colonial Brass.

Thursday

Students grabbed lunch at the popular GW Deli. During the spring, students flocked to Kogan Plaza and enjoyed their lunch outside by the fountain with friends.

Friday

Despite busy schedules, students found the time for part-time jobs and internships. Many politicians-to-be headed to Capitol Hill to intern for their state senator.

Saturday

Colonials crowded M
Street in Georgetown for some weekend shopping.
Many enjoyed frozenyogurt at Sweet Green or waited on the long line at Georgetown Cupcake for a taste of D.C.'s latest obsession.

Sunday

Students escaped campus and ventured out into the city. Popular activities included a walk or run along the Reflecting Pool and monuments, or shopping and eating at Eastern Market.



Colonials did not go far to see a student run show on Lisner's Downstage. Many were given chances to see their roommates, friends, or classmates center stage when casts acted out their own renditions of Broadway's best. Students traveled all over the city to find the best nightlife. Groups of friends headed to their favorite bars and clubs for drinks, dancing and a great time.

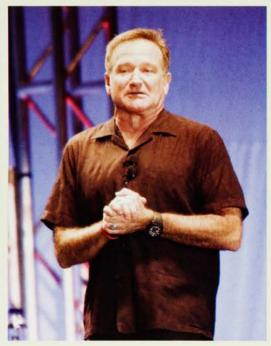
Late night space was tight but the delicious meals and decadent desserts made up for it at Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café. Located in Dupont Circle, Colonials enjoyed a perfect walk to the café to relax and unwind from their weeks over drinks and sweet treats. Students filed to Townhouse Row and the Marvin Center for Greek and student organization meetings. The week ended with updates, reports, and new business as students began to plan the next dreaded day of the week... Monday.

This fall provided students with an unforgettable backdrop to the beginning of another GW year. First, the leaves changed from green to hues of fiery red and burnt orange. Meanwhile, undergraduates pulled on cable-knit sweaters, wrapped a scarf around their neck, and sipped spiced pumpkin lattes through midterms. Temperatures dropped as students settled into their academic and social routines. The comfort of Foggy Bottom encouraged many students to explore D. C.'s neighborhood sites and popular destinations,

such as Ben's Chili Bowl in Adams Morgan and the Dupont Circle Farmer's Market. Students partied on Halloween and anticipated going home for a Thanksgiving feast. Furthermore, the excitement of the presidential election and the beginning of Colonials basketball season permeated campus. Though the events of the season will always stand out, autumn's sensations, tastes and scents were forevermore connected to the GW experience.









Comic Relief Robin Williams cracks up Colonials Weekend

By Nikki Rappaport

"Foggy Bottom... sounds like a good name for the economy right now," said Comedian Robin Williams. "They say the economy is strong because people are considering buying things. That's like saying fat people are healthy because they might exercise."

Williams performed two sold out shows for laughing out loud GW families, students and staff in the Smith Center for Colonials Weekend. He joked about topics like GW's mascot, bluetooth headsets and Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin. Williams urged GW students, or the "future interns of America" to vote in the Presidential Election.

"The funniest part was when he realized there was a deaf interpreter there doing sign language," said senior Dan Rice. "So Robin Williams would just start cursing and talking nonsense to see how the interpreter would handle it."

In addition to the comedy performances, other Colonials Weekend events included Octoberfest on Mount Vernon and the Foggy Bottom/West End Block Party. At the Block Party President Knapp entertained the crowd by playing the bongos. All in all, it was a fantastic and funny fall weekend for GW families.







A sweet treat. Cupcake shops opened all over the District this year and students stood in their long lines to get a taste.



Going green never looked so good. Undergraduates were found all over campus with eco-friendly water bottles and shopping bags.

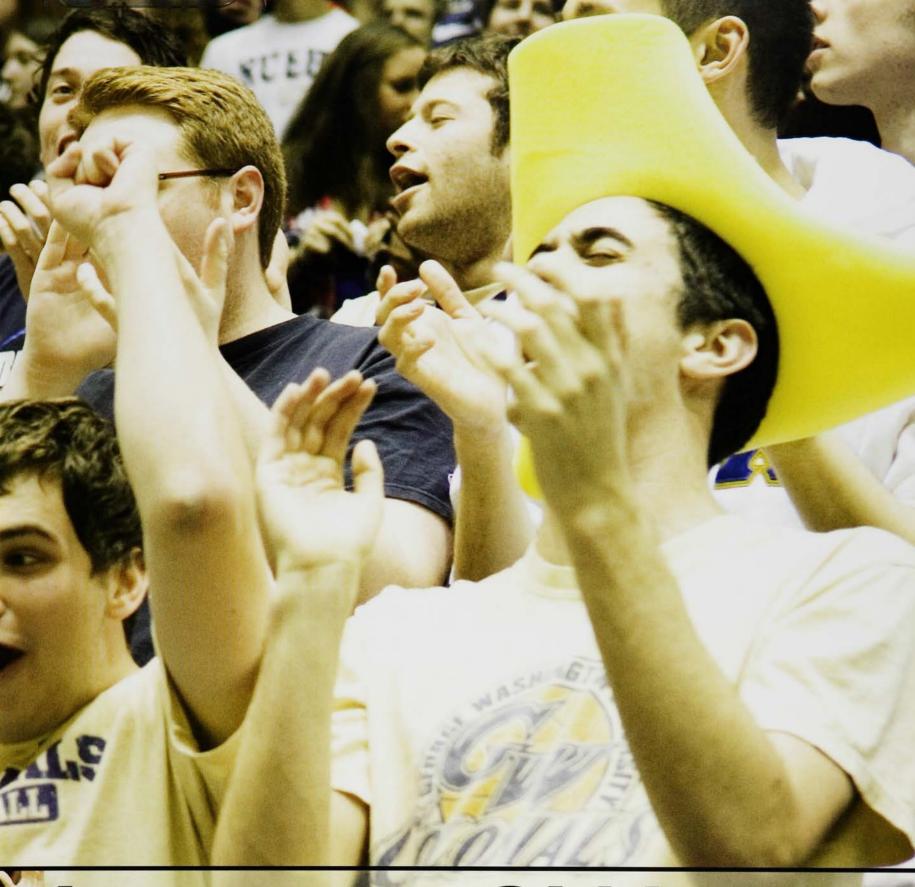
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Tweet tweet. Undergraduates jumped on the latest social media trend by updating their statues and sharing ideas on #GWU, #politics and #life.

It's all in the iPhone. With the latest version students had their Gmail, Lady Gaga and latest Hatchet issue all in one place.







LOYAL TO GVV Colonials had a special kind of spirit

By Nikki Rappaport

No matter if the Colonials are dominating basketball season or not, school spirit was always alive. And at GW, spirit meant more than wearing your buff and blue. "School spirit at GWU is very unique," said senior John Carlos Estrada. "We aren't the big state schools with giant stadiums and homecomings. But that's fine because at GWU we show our pride by coming together for presidential debates, inaugurations, or anything slightly political." Colonial spirit was taking advantage of D.C.'s resources, celebrating on Election Day, volunteering in Foggy Bottom and of course cheering on your fellow Colonials both on and off the court.

Mount Vernon provided an ideal escape from city life

By Cory Howard and Shannon Matloob

While many students came to GW to experience the city, many often yearned for a more idyllic location. For the city-weary, the atmosphere of the Mount Vernon Campus was a pastoral complement to the urban landscape. Many Foggy Bottom residents made the ten-minute shuttle ride to GW's second campus in an attempt to escape the urban stranglehold that was a subtle by product of city life.

A ten-minute shuttle ride away, "the Vern" played an integral role in the college experience of GW students. The 23-acre campus was located in the prestigious Foxhall neighborhood, flanked by the German Embassy and the Kreeger Museum. Although the Mount Vernon campus was separated from Foggy Bottom, the spirit of the buff and blue was still present in both the students and the campus.

Although removed from the hustle and bustle of city life, Mount Vernon residents and refugees from downtown took part in the many events hosted by the Mount Vernon Programming Council. Students were treated to a wide array of events such as Wacky Wednesdays, Sunday Brunches, adventures on the Summit Ropes Course and a myriad of athletic competitions.

"Wacky Wednesday can get pretty crazy, but it's a great way to meet new people and cure the boredom that sometimes comes with 'the Vern'," said freshman Jake Stewart.

Even with a broad array of events, many students choose to spend their time studying in Eckles Library, taking trips to Jetty's for ice cream or relaxing in the Ames Pub.

"The Vern offers a quiet place to hang out," said freshman Alex Pazuchanics. "Sometimes it's nice to be able to escape the bustling city and just relax on the grassy quad."



The Academic Building houses most of the classrooms on the Mount Vernon Campus. Many programs, including The Women's Leadership Program, were based in the academic facilities on "the Vern."



Students shared their fervor



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of the White House.



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and momentum generated by the Obama cam-

Jetusmo for politics on the campaign trail

Although not as fortunate as the Democrats, the College Republicans still came out in full force during the election season to support John McCain and the Republican platform.

"We host speakers and sponsor events throughout the year to spread the conservative message across campus," said College Republican Chairman Brand Kroeger. "We definitely lead the college conservative movement in the District."

Prior to the election, the College
Republicans' focused
on getting people to
register to vote, making
students aware of the
conservative message,
and informing them why
John McCain's platform
was the correct choice for
America. Each weekend,
members of the GW community joined the CRs in door-todoor campaigning and canvassing
Northern Virginia.

The College Republicans also provided the opportunity for interested students to volunteer and campaign in the other key battle ground states of Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania.

Apart from all of the intense campaigning, the College Republicans organized many other events to get their message across to young voters. The group organized many guest speakers including, Rep. Cliff Sterns (R-FL), College Republican National Committee Chair Charlie Smith and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

Although their party suffered a major blow, the College Republicans still looked forward to lobbying their platform and continuing onward with the energy they received from students during the 2008 election season. "Whenever Conservatives are faced with defeat, they always come back stronger than ever," said Kroeger.

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WE'RE GOING TO THE WHITE HOUSE!

Colonials celebrated the election with parties and a sprint to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

By Melissa Meyer

Barack Obama's win over John McCain on election night 2008 marked the end of a two-year campaign saga for the presidential candidates and their dedicated staffs. At The George Washington University, it was the catalyst for both jubilant celebration and tears of sadness.

No matter the emotion, students flooded the streets and marched to the White House to celebrate the historical event at the landmark just off campus. With jovial songs and cheers students came together as a community,

"I originally wasn't going to go to the White House but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to let out my pent up frustration about the direction the country has been headed for the last eight years," said freshman Adam Humayun.

For many students the election held great meaning, Thousands of students from all ends of the political spectrum participated by canvassing, making phone calls and voting for the first time in a presidential election. Quite a few GW students even took time off from school to run local campaigns in their home states.

The White House was perhaps the most historic and energy charged location of the evening, but many events also occurred on campus. Both the College Democrats and the College Republicans held watch parties in the Marvin Center that garnered large crowds with the draw of big screen TVs, food, and even a mechanical bull. During the day other student groups hosted a barbecue to get students in the democratic mood. Many seniors watched the results come in at their favorite drinking holes that offered drink specials for the occasion.

"When the results started coming in it was amazing," said senior Anna Sicari.
"There was just this instant where we all realized why exactly we came to GW."





Hail to the Chief Students celebrated historic inauguration

By Joseph Raser

It is tough for anyone to imagine any college student waking up before noon on his or her day off, but on Jan. 20, GW students were out of their beds as early as 4 a.m. in order to find the best seats on the National Mall for the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama.

"I woke up bright and early that morning," said freshman Juan Figueira, who was lucky enough to find a spot in front of the Washington Monument. "I really wanted to be a part of such a momentous occasion."

Undergraduates pushed their way down crowded streets and through 2 million other visitors. Braving the 20 degree weather, students bundled up in their Obama gear to cheer, sing, and witness history. Shortly after noon, Barack Obama recited the oath of office and was greeted with tremendous amounts of applause as he assumed the office of the presidency.

"I think that despite whatever political leanings individuals may have, it was pretty incredible to witness everything that happened on inauguration day," said junior Tayler Lofquist, an avid member of the College Republicans. "Standing in the crowd of some two million people, witnessing a great tradition of our nation and the transition of power, all of these things were more moving than words can explain.

Even though it was a long, cold day, I would not exchange my

experiences for anything."

GW students also flocked to the We Are One concert that took place on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial two days prior, signifying the opening ceremony of Inauguration weekend. At the concert, undergraduates were among the 700,000 plus crowd who came to watch artists like Bruce Springsteen, and Garth Brooks sing songs representing the feelings of hope and excitement that had swept across much of America.

GW was also proud to be an official part of the Inauguration this year, as the University was participated in the inaugural parade for the first time since the Truman Inauguration. The float, which was designed and built by students, represented the University's diversity and values. As the float made its way down Pennsylvania Avenue, with Colonials' mascot George Washington and GW student volunteers waving to the crowd, GW left its mark on a very historic Inauguration.

"The finished float represented the commitment, imagination and intrepid nature of the students at GW," said Project Lead and Designer Charlie Burgoyne. "It was an amazing project to be a part of and we will always look back on it with immense pride and satisfaction."

D.C. had never seen crowds and excitement like President Obama's Inauguration, and it all happened in GW's backyard.





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As countless politicos dressed in their finest entered ballrooms across the District, thousands of George Washington University students, faculty and alumni gathered at the Omni Shoreham hotel in Woodley Park at the University's largest Inaugural Ball on record. After many spent hours in the cold witnessing history unfold on the National Mall or viewing the University float along the inaugural parade route, students gladly shed layers of warm clothing and instead donned tuxedos and ball gowns to dance the night away.

A tradition since 1993, the Inaugural Ball was so highly anticipated that a vast majority of the initial tickets were sold on election day. In addition to 20 ambassadors and several D.C. City Council members, it was estimated that some 5,000 Colonials were in attendance celebrating the historic event.

"It was a triumphant evening, richly celebrated and shared by everyone who created and sustained a real movement for change in America," said junior Peter Weiss. "I will always remember the inaugural ball as one of the happiest moments of my life."

A testament to the University's home in the heart of the nation's capital, students from both sides of the campaign trail came together to enjoy the festivities. Spanning seven ballrooms, each with its own unique feel including an "Urban Lounge" nightclub featuring DJ Phil, jazz and swing bands and a more contemporary pop room, the different venues truly embodied the diverse culture of the GW community. One of the ballrooms even offered student groups the opportunity to perform poetry readings as well as music and dance numbers.

As the night drew to a close after four hours of festivities, and as students slowly filtered back to campus one thing remained clear: GW lived true to its title as the most politically active school in the country.







mpression, students veturned from winter break rejuvenated for an exciting semester. Yet, the unpredictable weather was always on students' minds Would classes be cancelled today? Do I wear my tall or short Uggs? Coffee or hot chocolate? When snow fell on D.C. the city shut down. Walking through a snowy campus, there was silence and tranquility. Undergraduates stayed inside to keep warm or ventured outside, bundled up to play in the winter wonderland. Getting through classes this winter was a challenging feat. Instead, students headed to the National Sculpture Garden for ice- skating or to the packed gym to keep up with their New Years resolutions. Even as it got dark earlier the days felt longer and winter seemed to drag on. Snow, ice, cold, repeat. Is it spring yet?



A LUCKY BREAK

Ben Folds and Jason Mraz performed for thousands at Smith Center

By Nikki Rappaport

Even on Friday Feb. 13, GW students got lucky. Breaking the winter blues, Jason Mraz and Ben Folds played an unexpected concert for almost 4,000 students in the Smith Center.

"Bringing Jason Mraz and Ben Folds as co-headliners was a fantastic chance to bring the student body together around an event," said Hannah Byam, general manager of WRGW. "Concerts of this scale only come every four years or so to GW, so to be a part of this one and help ensure its success was great."

Organized by Program Board and WRGW, the show featured an opening performance by the GW Vibes who sang one of their favorite Ben Folds songs, "Missing the War."

Ben Folds played the first set, entertaining the crowd with hits from his new album and fan favorites such as "Rockin' the Suburbs" and "Annie Waits." The audience swayed back and forth to slow songs like "Brick."

After a 20-minute intermission, Jason Mraz took the stage and belted out his most popular hits. In the middle of "The Remedy" and "I'm Yours," Mraz got the audience to participate and sing along. His signature beatboxing echoed through the Smith Center and the crowd roared when he asked "Oh, G-Dub can you feel it?"

"Jason Mraz had the whole audience standing and singing along," said junior Marcia Newbert. "People really seemed to get into it and I was very impressed by what a good performer he was. I downloaded his new album almost immediately after the concert. It was such a treat to get a show like this in the middle of winter."







Seorge's BigBash

Students and faculty celebrated George Washington's 277th birthday with annual cherry pie-eating contest

By Shannon Matloob

In an effort to pay tribute to their namesake, members of the GW community celebrated George Washington's birthday on Feb. 22 with hot chocolate, a cherry pie-eating contest and s'mores. Although George's 277th birthday was held in the Marvin Center due to inclement weather, this year's celebration was better than ever.

Students participated in the annual cherry pie-eating contest and listened to a live band. Normally, students would roast marshmallows at the traditional bonfire, however due to strong winds, students settled for a mock roast on an imitation bonfire. George cut his birthday cake as colonial musicians, including a fife and drum players performed "Happy Birthday."

"I've never been able to celebrate a historical figure like this before, so I truly enjoyed my first, but not my last, celebration of George Washington," said freshman Katya Martin. "Tonight made me proud to be a colonial and I am so excited for the next three years of my college career at GW."

The minutemen musicians which included fife and drum players, accompanied the attendees as they sang "Happy Birthday" and cheered on the eight students who competed in the cherry pie-eating contest.

Besides competing to see who could feel sickest the quickest, the contestants also competed in a "Colonial Challenge" to win \$500 for their respective student organizations. This year, Alex Lezema of Pi Kappa Alpha won the prize and title with a happy cherry covered face. Other organizations included the College Republicans and the Alternative Spring Break Program.

In his welcome speech,
President Knapp urged
students to continue the
traditional celebration because
it brought the University community together. The annual party
also served as a reminder of our nation's
unity as a result of Washington's leadership
and strength.





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New George In Town: Little George passes the "Golden Hatchet" to New George



By Melissa Meyer

This year's freshmen got more than a preview of campus. At Colonial Inauguration they were treated to the debut of the new George mascot. This George replaced Little George, who had cheered on athletic teams for 20 years. A new George was introduced to lend a more aggressive physique to the school's mascot. The new mascot's features included a tri-corner hat, a furrowed brow and a heated demeanor of felt.

Replacing the Little George mascot with something more modern was inspired by a blogger's post that crowned him as one of the 25 worst NCAA Division 1 mascots. Though yearly renovations had been done there was little the spirit program could do to makeover the aging mascot.

"It was getting to the point where there was nothing else we could do," said Spirit Program director, Nicole Macchione-Early. "We had to say goodbye."

Official good-byes were said at this year's Colonials Invasion which celebrated more than just the start of the basketball season. At the ceremonially GW tradition, Little George passed on the "golden hatchet" to the new George.

Little George did not go out quietly and the passing of the guard was quite a show. A video tribute was played in honor of him that featured prominent campus figures and other universities' mascots bidding Little George farewell and thanking him for his service. After the tribute he was joined on the court by his predecessor, George 1, and mascots from area teams including D.C. United, the Washington Capitals and the Washington Nationals.



Fawkes, the phoenix of Harry Potter fame, may not be the only creature that could rise from its own ashes. This year GW's beloved hippo mascot seemed all but bound for extinction. Miscommunications between the University bookstore and the administration left students and alumni thinking the hippo's days were numbered, soon to be replaced by a more standardized mascot. Luckily, the hippo was able to rise again from the ashes of apparent misunderstandings about his future on apparel, as he continued to live on H Street and in the hearts of all of his fans, students and alumni alike.

The miscommunications arose from conversations between the bookstore and the administration involving branding and merchandising. GW administrators indicated they were moving in the direction of establishing standardized mascots and colors that would be used for all apparel, which did not include the hippo. The bookstore thought this was an indication that they were no longer supposed to order apparel with the hippo on it. For a while it appeared that no longer would a frightfully harmless water-horse would no longer be part of the city campus.

When word got out, there was uproar on campus as well as in the alumni community. In response, the administration cleared the air and made clear the hippo was still welcome on the Foggy Bottom campus. The bookstore even printed shirts with a hippo on it saying, "I'm alive and well."

"Initially I was kind of bummed. Our Ultimate [Frisbee] mascot is the hippo and it was kind of a big blow," said senior Ashley Randall. "Luckily we work with the Spirit Program and knew the day the news came out it was a hoax and fake so we ignored it."

The hippo was but a small figure in the larger picture of GW, yet his two-toothed grin symbolized what was great about the school. GW was not a typical, standard University and therefore deserved more than a typical standard mascot. It was this lack of normalcy that carried with it such great spirit and pride in the hearts of GW students.

No Need To Change Campus Tours: The hippo statue remained in place on H Street





working it out



Students found internships that matched their inte

Internships and part-time jobs were a fact of life for nearly all college students, however, few received the same work opportunities as GW undergraduates. Centered in the heart of our nation's capital, GW provided students not only with excellent foundations to succeed in life beyond college, but also with endless employment possibilities both on and off campus. Whether interested in art, education, law, or politics, students were able to find work experiences that perfectly suited their career aspirations.

With all the auspices of the federal government in GW's backyard, students seeking governmental internships were rarely disappointed. Some students took the Metro to the Capitol Building to work for their local Congressman or Senator, while others walked south and served as interns in the State Department's Truman Building. Some students, such as sophomore Travis Holler, were fortunate enough to have the short commute to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, and serve out their internship in a highly competitive White House program.

"I consider myself very lucky to have been able to serve as a White House intern in the final days of Bush's presidency," said Holler, an avid member of the College Republicans who worked in the White House Correspondence Office. "Through answering phone calls, responding to e-mails, and helping out with vari-



ESTS By Joseph Raser

ous Marine One landings and take-offs, I learned a lot about the inner-workings of the Executive Branch that will provide me with a base for understanding presidential politics and policy."

Even though most students came to D.C. looking to gain work experience in powerful governmental agencies, many were simply happy to find an enjoyable part-time job. Freshman Pragya Nandini found such a job working for "D.C. Reads" in a local elementary school. "As a freshman, I wasn't necessarily looking for one of the top-internships in D.C., but a simple job that was more than just bearable," said Nandini. "I found that through 'D.C.

Reads,' and now I work as a tutor, teaching kindergartners in an after-school program at Thomson Elementary School. The hours are great, the kids are fun, and I feel like I'm making a difference in their lives every time I leave work."

GW students were unique in so many ways, and the same was true for their job choices and work ethic. Colonials began looking for internships and part-time jobs early on in their college career, and as a result, had a plethora of experience under their belt by the time they graduated.

Sample and city offered students an array of nightlife adventures

Campus and city offered students an array of nightlife adventures

By Nicole Kingston



Toggy Bottom

For those looking for fun close to home, GW's campus provided a myriad of nightlife opportunities. Fraternity parties were always the perfect place for themed events or friendly games of flip cup and beer pong. Local hangouts such as Lindy's, Froggy Bottom or Tonic were favorite places to meet up with friends and enjoy half-priced wings or happy hour specials. One dollar beers and happy hour Thursdays at McFadden's made it a weekly destination for party-goers.

Naams Morgan

On weekend nights, Adams Morgan was the neighborhood of destination for most Colonials. Popular bars included Madam's Organ, The Brass Monkey and The Reef where students drank and danced with friends. At the end of the night, bar-goers packed the streets and waited in line at Jumbo Slice to satisfy their late night cravings.

Unlike more traditional college campuses, GW nightlife was not confined to the Foggy Bottom. While students had the option of staying on campus to socialize with friends, the District offered a countless amount of nightlife activities.

Seorgetoun

Colonials had their choice of bars which lined M
Street in Georgetown. Although crowds included students
from other universities, young professionals and tourists,
there was a place for everyone, whether it was the piano
bar at Mr. Smith's or catching a sports game at Garrett's.
Students were guaranteed to see a familiar face at
Third Edition or Champions, which opened at the
start of the school year. As the warmer weather arrived
bars on the waterfront, such as Tony & Joe's and Nick's
Riverside Grill, were popular hangouts.

Dypont Eircle

For a more artistic and eclectic scene, undergraduates enjoyed the nightlife of Dupont Circle. Only a short walk from campus, GW students typically frequented bars such as Lucky and Front Page for either a casual happy hour or late night bar hoping. For those who found themselves drawn to the club scene, places like

K Street Lounge were a perfect fit.





Wanna Spoon? Students celebrate spring at Fountain Fling

By Nikki Rappaport

Thousands of students headed to the Mount Vernon Campus on Saturday April 25 for the debut of Fountain Fling featuring the band Spoon. It was a beautiful day on "the Vern" where students grabbed free food and give-aways, tiedyed t-shirts and simply lounged around and listening to music.

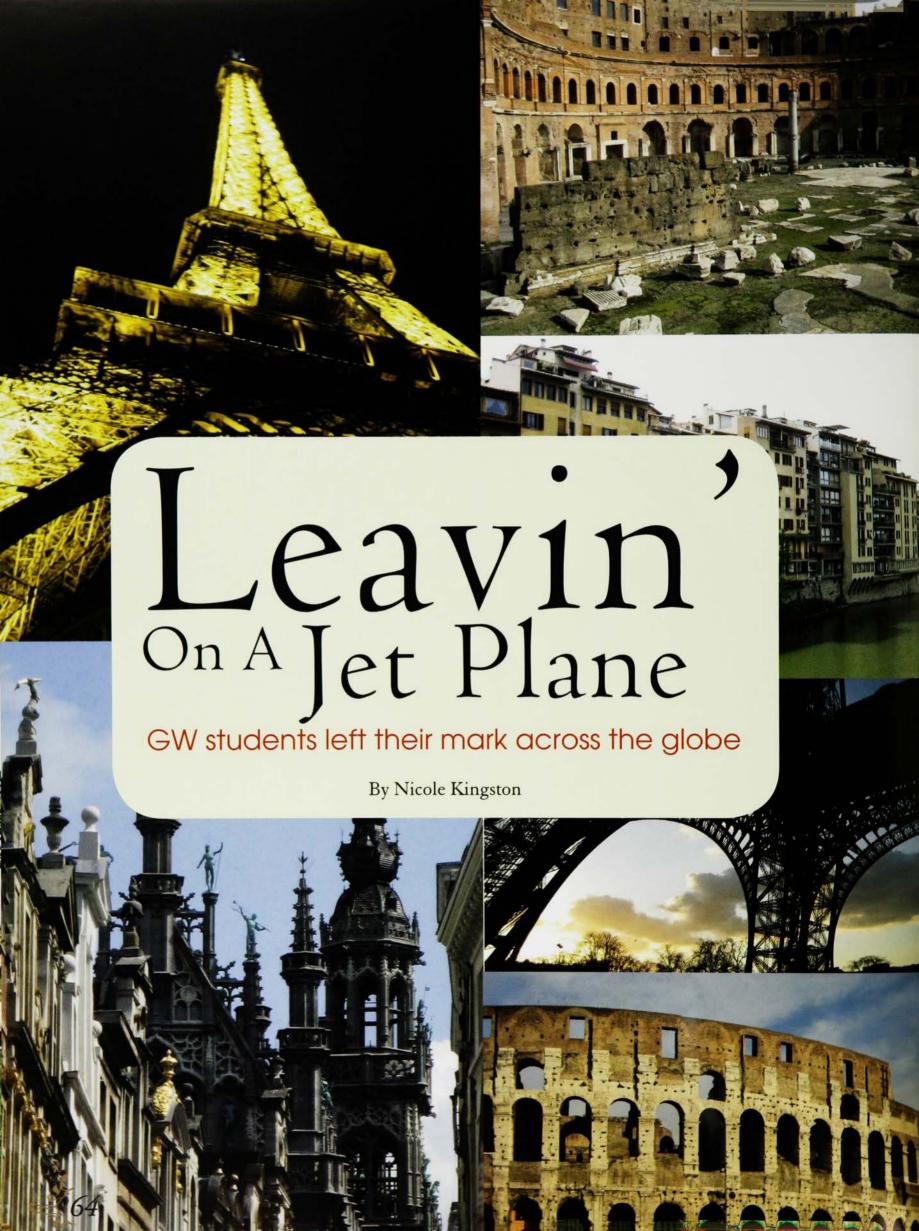
For the first time, Program Board and the Mount Vernon Programming Council combined two of GW's favorite spring events: Spring Fling and Fountain Fling.

"Fountain Fling, the combination of two separate annual spring events, Fountain Day and Spring Fling, was an incredible success for both Program Board, Mount Vernon Programming Council, and GW students this past year," said Senior and PB Parties Co-Chair Liz Kramer. "With over 2,000 in attendance, the highlight for those involved planning the event, including myself, was being able to see students at the event enjoying the activities and the concert by Spoon. The band was amazing, the weather turned out to be beautiful, and it was apparent that everyone had a great time. It was a wonderful experience being a part of that new adventure for GW."

The day was full of music starting with White Rabbits, a Brooklyn-based rock band. Spoon, who is best known for their song "The Way We Get By" entertained the groups of students hanging out on the Vern quad.









hile many GW students called Foggy Bottom home for all four years, others chose to leave the heart of the nation's capital and explore other counties and cultures by studying abroad. Even though D.C. was already a perfect place for global affairs, students who went abroad developed a fresh attitude about the world.

Over the years, the amount of GW students studying abroad dramatically increased. This year, over 1,000 students studied abroad across the globe. Semesters abroad provided students with a unique insight into new traditions, food, languages, religions and people. Many students traveled to countries and lived with host families where they could expand on language skills. Although challenging at times, these experiences were an invaluable part of the GW curriculum.

"Studying abroad let me experience a part of the world that I had never been to before, which put a lot of the things I study at GW in a completely different context. I had never been abroad before and, since I'm an International Affairs major, it is kind of relevant," said junior Caitlin Blaney, who studied abroad in Beijing, China during the fall semester. "Now, when professors talk about the exchange rate in China or the rise and fall of Communism in China -- I lived it!"

While many students may have felt nervous about living in a foreign country away from familiar faces, digital communication made it easy to keep in touch and share experiences. Within minutes, students posted pictures of their travels in Facebook photo albums and many maintained online blogs to keep friends and family updated.

"My favorite part of study abroad was getting involved in the activities of my college, especially learning to play rugby," said Chris Avellaneda, a junior who studied for the academic year in Oxford England. "I think it added to my GW experience by allowing me to see the way other systems of education are run."

Once back on GW's campus, students were able to reflect back on their time abroad and returned with a better understanding of themselves. An up-close view of the Eiffel Tower, a walk along the Great Wall of China, a taste of Italian pizza, or a ride on the London Eye would forever hold a special place in students' GW experience.

GW GOES GREEN

Students promoted campus sustainability

By Joseph Raser

Located in the heart of Washington, D.C., GW was always on the forefront of national innovations and student movements. This year was no different, as GW students and administrators alike led the way in calling for environmental sustainability at the University level. Through the formation of the Office of Sustainability, increased efforts of green student organizations, and school-wide participation in "eco-challenges," the University took an active role in reversing the effects of climate change on campus.

One student organization that spearheaded the way for campus sustainability was GreenGW. "This year, GreenGW's mission was to create a more environmentally friendly and green campus while simultaneously increasing awareness of environmental issues," said Executive Director, sophomore Preeti Parulekar. "We held many CFL lightbulb trade-ins to increase the use of these energy efficient lightbulbs, recruited students for PowerShift 2009, a conference where over 12,000 students from across the country come together to gain valuable knowledge and implementation skills related to sustainability in college life, and held outreach educational programs at a local elementary school to create positive connections between GW and the D.C. community."

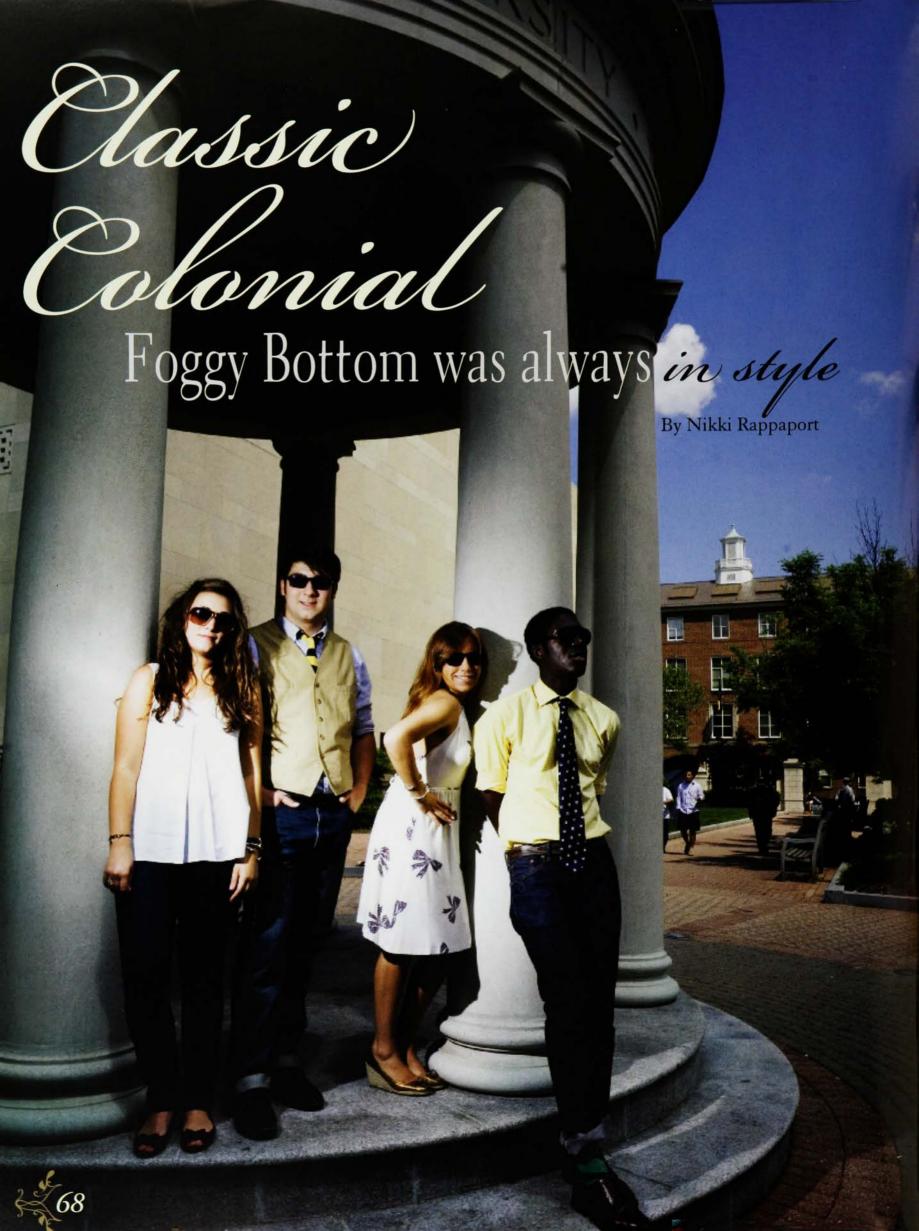
Another student group that led by example this year was the "Green Living and Learning Community," which was housed in the Building JJ residence hall. In this community students truly took the meaning of living green to heart, as they realized that by changing the little things in their lifestyles, conservation came easy. By doing simple things like using energy-efficient appliances, air-drying their clothes, and installing light sensors in their rooms, the residents of Building JJ achieved the status of top conserving residence hall. They successfully reduced electricity usage by 60 percent per student and water usage by 59 percent per student.

Finally, the GW administration also took positive steps toward increasing sustainability. With the creation of the Office of Sustainability, whose job is to oversee the university's responsibility to create a climate neutrality plan under the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, GW provided students with many interesting and educational opportunities meant to foster awareness and ultimately reduce Colonials' carbon footprint. One such activity was "RecycleMania," which was a ten week long competition among colleges in which schools compete to see which institution was able collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables and the least amount of trash per capita.

Another University sponsored activity that promoted environmental awareness was "Earth Week 2009," which culminated with the screening of Planet Forward, a groundbreaking documentary on the future of energy that was filmed at GW, and the Earth Day Fair. The fair featured a "real food" barbeque, with organic and locally grown foods, activities and information on going green, and was highlighted with a speech by President Knapp on the importance of creating a more environmentally friendly University.

While administrators and students both admitted that there was still quite a lot of work to be done in order for the University to become the greenest in the nation, there was no denying that 2009 proved to be a step in the right direction toward creating environmentally friendly campus. Ultimately, the wide range of people and organizations that joined the green movement demonstrated that sustainability was for everyone, not just the typical environmentalist.







When wearing sweats or suits, GW students always turned heads. Seniors David Anderson, Jessica Meister, Nii-Ayitey Annan and Jenna Chekofsky showed off classic Colonial style: comfy, cool and of course a little buff and blue. "GW style is as varied as the stores in Georgetown," said Anderson. "There's everything from the preppy J.Crew, to the trendy American Apparel, and everything in between. It really is just a reflection of all the different things that GW students are doing, whether it's interning or working or just going to class." Undergraduates took their style seriously and dressed to impress. Foggy Bottom fashion – eclectic, smart, put-together and distinct – had never looked better.

IT HAPPENED ON CAMPUS:



Students trick-or-teat on Embassy Row on Halloween. The most popular costume was the Joker from the "Dark Knight" movie.



Undergraduates perform in one of the hottest dance shows, Raas Chaos. The performance was presented by GW's South Asian Society.



Alumnus Kerry Washington speaks about her growing acting career. Washington was awarded a Distinguished Alumni Award this year during Alumni Weekend.



Students took their clothes off to participate in the "Anything But Clothes Run" on the Vern. The event was hosted by Student Movement for Real Change.

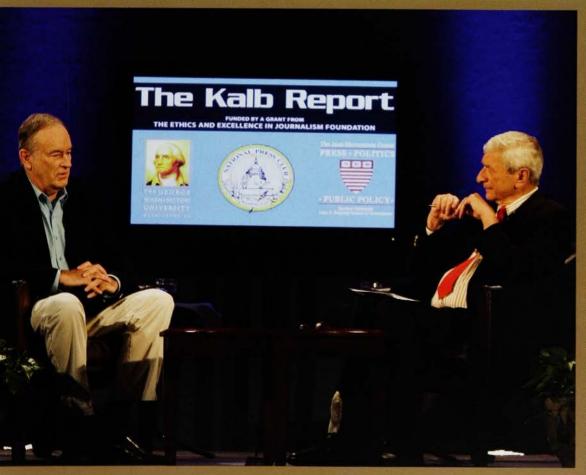
THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS IN PHOTOS



President Knapp plays the bongos for a crowd. The Foggy Bottom Block Party brought together GW and the surrounding community.

Senior Chris Weiman enjoys his Midnight Breakfast Feast. Students put their books away to enjoy free food and games during finals week.

Hannah Ziegler is the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy. Each winter, Balance performs the Nutcracker.



Bill O'Rielley appears on the Kalb Report at GW. Students received free tickets to the show which featured prominent guests from politics and journalism.



Junior Allison Bell de-stresses at the Chalk Walk. Program Board closed of H Street for students to play and draw.



School's out and the D.C. heat was unbearable. Students scored competitive internships and job opportunities across the country, around the globe and especially in the District. Yet GW students were no typical D.C. interns. After working hard during the week, they put their Hill badges away and set out to explore their adopted home city -New bars, Nationals games, Vern pool, 4th of July fireworks. And for recent graduates the couple uncertain months after graduation were filled with writing resumes and cover letters as they anticipated the next chapter of their lives. But D.E. summers [would] always be remembered for the fun, sun and great memories with friends.









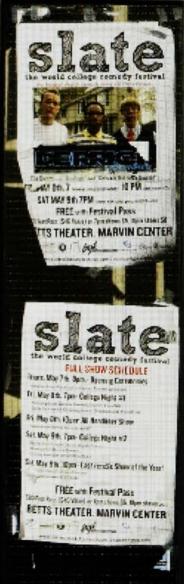


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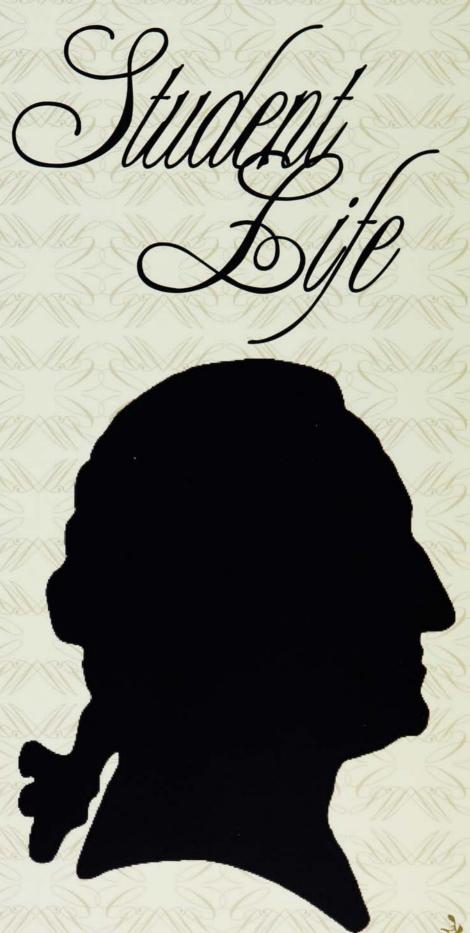












TIM MILLER

Executive Director of the Student Activities

Center worked to make GW students

an integral part of the University



By Maria Cheung

Any student who worked and lived on the fourth floor of the Marvin Center will warmly smile upon hearing Tim Miller's name. Over 6 1/2 years at GW, Miller oversaw many of GW's beloved traditions from the Project Exploration Program to Welcome Week to Midnight Breakfast. He also was the Student Activities Center adviser to some of GW's most popular organizations including the Student Association, Class Council and the GW Hatchet.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from James Madison University, where he double majored in political science and criminal justice, Miller proceeded to earn his maters degree at JMU in education. He worked at the University of South Carolina in the Community Service Office until February 2002. Miller then joined GW's Office of Community Service, where he helped to further develop the GW Trails program. He eventually moved to the SAC office and became SAC's Executive Director.

"My favorite part about working for GW is the breadth of students I work with every year," said Miller. "The students I work closely with change yearly, although there were some student organizations I always work with such as the SA." Miller was one of the first GW administrators to welcome the freshmen at the beginning of their GW career at Colonial Inauguration and one of the last to bid farewell to the seniors at graduation. One of the best parts of his job was to watch as students grew and matured from freshmen into confident seniors. "It is always bittersweet to say goodbye to students," Miller said. "I have seen three groups of students though CI to Grad Week and it has always been fun to observe the difference in the students."

According to Miller, the students were the heart of the University. "Students come to the University for the GW experience," said Miller. "GW is a place where the city of D.C. and college life came together. There are so few institutions in the U.S. where students could have seen five Secretaries of State or Kofi Annan, a former Secretary General of the United Nations, speak on their campus. This makes student life here so unique and incredible."

Miller continued to work with SAC, the GW Administration, and student leaders to connect more students and help them find their respective niches. "Every year, we try to reflect back and figure out what each new group of students needs," Miller said. "We want students to make connections and form bonds with each other that continue to last long after graduation."



STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER



Taught GW students about the world outside the classroom



By Maria Cheung

The Student Activities Center was the center of student life at GW. SAC oversaw all of GW's registered student organizations, activity offices such as Trails and Greek Life, first year programs including CI and special events.

From Welcome Week to Grad Week, SAC worked to get students active, involved and immersed in the classroom, campus and city. Under the direction of Tim Miller, the SAC staff was always there to lend their support, guidance, and help to any student who needed it.

"The SAC directors work so hard for us. They are always in the office late at night, especially during Colonial Inauguration," said 2007 Colonial Cabinet member and Organization of Latino American Students President Andrea Criollo. "SAC always attended all of the OLAS events and as many other student organizations' events as possible. It was nice to know that they supported us and were there for us."

"SAC has been a huge support for Program Board," said PB Arts Chair Amanda Dachille. "They went above and beyond to give us the help we needed to plan events for the GW community and offered their guidance."

With the upcoming presidential election, SAC gave the various political student organizations the support they needed to get GW students even more involved in the campaigns.

"SAC provides the College Democrats will all the resources we need to run a very large and active student organization on a small budget," said College Democrat President Cory Struble. "Our adviser is always there to help us out with whatever problems we faced, whether it is interpersonal or operational."

SAC was also a great asset to the Greek community. "The friendly staff is always willing to help students and advocate for their interests to other administrators," said Panhellenic Association President Claire Low.

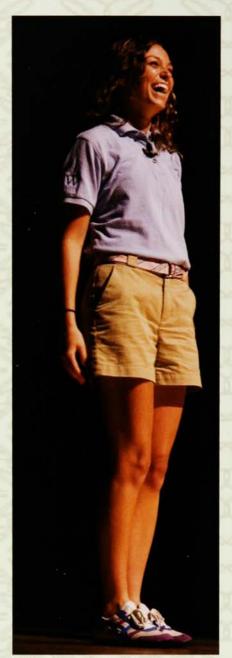
"SAC really helped us plan our Alternative Greek Week in 2008," said Chris Diaz, president of the National Honors Fraternity, Phi Sigma Pi. "They were great and helped anyone in planning events for the GW community."

SAC always strove to achieve its goals of promoting campus unity and student life outside the classroom and on campus, a mission every GW student was grateful for.

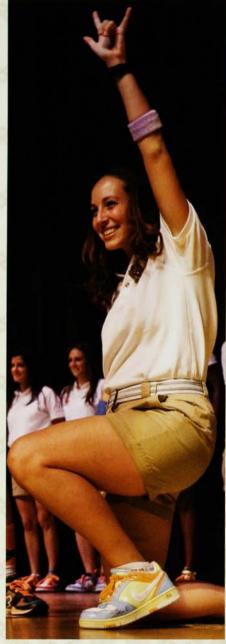




Cabinet member Nick Profeta performs in a skit for the incoming freshmen. Profeta's skit showed freshmen the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.



CIHQ Lauren O'Donoghue smiles as she addresses the crowd of freshmen at CI. O'Donoghue's enthusiasm and dedication to the program helped make it a success.



Hayley Haldeman strikes a pose as she performes in one of the skits during CI. Haldeman portrayed a drunk girl in her skit educating freshmen on the consequences of certain choices.







Graduates, do you remember Colonial Cabinet '05?



THE START OF SOMETHING NEW

The Colonial Cabinet welcomed the class of 2012

By Maria Cheung

Colonial Inauguration provided incoming freshmen with their first glimpse into GW life. As the 2008 Colonial Cabinet members shared their experiences and knowledge with freshmen, new friendships formed and GW became home to its next generation of students.

"The most meaningful aspect of CI are the relationships the freshmen develop and how they continue to progress when they return to school," said Jen Sansone, Cabinet member '08 and CI Headquarters Staff '09. "These relationships include students they met at CI, their small group Cabinet leader, professors, and GW staff and faculty."

"The small group sessions were really a place where students could branch out and get to know their peers and ask questions that everyone has when they come to college," said Mandy Asgeirsson, Cabinet member '08.

The 2008 Colonial Cabinet was led by CIHQ Lauren O'Donoghue and Matt Ackermann. "HQ did a phenomenal job in selecting a diverse, dynamic cabinet and it was their fresh take on things that made CI 2008 unique from all the rest," said Ryan Gever, Cabinet member '08 and CIHQ '09. "For 2009, we wanted to maintain the high level of excellence CI has already obtained as well as further improve CI in facilitating student development."

There is no doubt the success of CI depended heavily on the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication of the Colonial Cabinet members. "We are the first students the freshmen met at GW, and provided them with an uncensored assessment of what student life is like at the University," said Joseph Buono, Cabinet member '08. "I really enjoyed being sought out by the freshmen for advice or assistance, or even for lunch if for no other reason than to catch up."

In addition to some of the traditional CI programs such as the Colonial Cabinet's skits, which introduced freshmen to the complexities of college life, the Casino night held by GW's Greek Life, and the Mount Vernon Carnival, 2008 also featured an array of new programs. The Guide to Personal Success Program, a mentoring program that paired established members of the GW community with incoming freshmen, made its debut. The program was designed to ensure that the new members of the GW community had as smooth a transition to college as possible.

The Freshmen Pinning Ceremony was instituted as a new campus tradition. Director of the Guide to Personal Success program, Brian Hamluk gave students a warm welcome and a class of 2009 pin. The pin formally initiated the freshmen into the GW community.

For many GW students, whether they staffed multiple CI's or simply attended their own as a freshman, CI will always hold a special place in their hearts. It eased the fear of leaving home, made college life seem a little easier, and cemented many students' beliefs that GW was the perfect place for them.





Student Association President Vishal Aswani works diligently at his desk. Aswani tried to fit even more meetings into his already tight schedule.



Student Association Court



Student Association Senate



Student Association

Brought students together by serving the GW community

By Maria Cheung

Every Colonial knew that without the Student Association, a vibrant student life would never have been possible. Aside from allocating hundreds of thousands of dollars to student organizations, the SA gave students their voices and provided them with a link to the GW administration.

"We want to make sure that all students feel part of the Colonial community, because buff and blue ties us together," said SA President Vishal Aswani. "We, as an organization, stand together to assist all students, whether individually or jointly, such that every Colonial can leave GW with the same smile they came in with."

As the main facilitator of campus life, the SA understood that student organizations were the life line of GW. Every organization united Colonials in some way and helped better the GW community. SA officials worked to assist every organization with the necessary funding, support and resources.

"By definition the SA is composed of every student," said SA Vice President Kyle J. Boyer. "We are constantly advocating for things that students care about, and seeking to initiate changes that make student life easier, academics more challenging, and GW an overall better place."

This year, the SA continued its mission to unite students and strengthen the GW community. SA officials helped plan a very successful Welcome Week, which allowed new Colonials to get to know their campus. In October, they held the first Unity Ball, which allowed GW students from every different group on campus to come together and celebrate simply being Colonials for a night.

For the presidential inauguration, the SA also organized a GW inaugural float that appeared in the parade on Jan. 20. The float represented GW's diversity, values, and colleges. It featured a large inflatable globe, a student built mini-Baja vehicle, a real-time stock ticker and over 40 student representatives.



Student Association Executive Cabinet

Program Board Planned events every Colonial could enjoy

By Maria Cheung

Throughout the year, Program Board worked to provide fun and meaningful events for every different type of GW student. There was Fall Fest and Spring Fling for the concert lovers, weekly film screenings for the movie buffs, and community service events for the philanthropic inclined.

"I hope that PB will be known as an organization that provides not only fun, easy and accessible ways to do community service on campus throughout the year but also puts on an amazing Relay for Life each spring," said PB Community Service Co-Chair Brenda Tobin. "We are well on our way to accomplishing these goals and over the years we will build and maintain this reputation."

An entirely student run organization, PB provided many unique opportunities that were

open to the entire student body. Most events were free or relatively inexpensive for students to attend. PB also worked to get as many Colonials involved in its organization's committees as possible.

PB programming made student life at GW vibrant. PB events united Colonials, fostered a sense of school spirit, and allowed students to further experience GW outside the classroom.



Class Council

Promoted class bonding through events

By Maria Cheung and Lara Gori

Class Council helped Colonials get to know each other through the years at GW. It organized events geared specifically towards both class bonding and school unity, bringing students together in different ways.

One Class Council event that was a GW favorite was "Naughty or Nice," in which CC members made s'mores and hot cocoa for students in Kogan Plaza. "It is a nice break before finals begin," said Class Council President John Carlos Estrada. "We set up a Holiday setting in Kogan Plaza with Christmas trees, lights, and music. It puts every one in the holiday spirit."

Another event, "REPRESENT: A Dance Group Battle," allowed GW dance groups to compete for the title of Best Dance Group on campus.



However, the most successful Class Council event to date was "Battle of the A Cappella Groups," which occurred annually in April. At Battle, all of GW's a cappella groups sang and competed for the title of best a capella group on campus. Class Council hosted many alumni events in which students had dinner with distinguishable alumni or listened to them speak at "How Do I Become A" lectures.

Each Council also held class specific events throughout the year. The Freshmen Class Council hosted "Freshmen Feast" once a month and Dean of Freshmen Fred Siegel always joined them for dinner at J Street.

Residence Hall Association

Transformed GW into a home away from home

By Maria Cheung



The Residence Hall Association helped Colonials feel at home on campus. It fostered a sense of community, responded to various communication problems within the halls, unified undergraduates, and made residential life better for every student.

"A GW student is so active in his or her daily pursuits that she or he needs to feel comfortable and at home," said RHA President Scott Crawford. "RHA helps create that feeling of home away from home until GW is that home for the students."

RHA was composed of an executive board and each residence hall's respective Residential Advisory Council. The RACs were elected every September by their residents to represent them at RHA meetings and to plan events for the hall throughout the

This year, RHA continued to give back to the GW residential community with events such as the annual charity auction, "Martha's Marathon" and the "Target Takeover." RHA realized that every student is faced with a choice to live on or off campus and worked its best to ensure that everyone living in the dorms was happy with his or her decision.

Marvin Center Governing Board Converted the Marvin Center into a home for students By M

By Maria Cheung



The Marvin Center Governing Board helped Colonials find homes for their student organizations in 800 21st St. The board, composed of student leaders, staff and faculty members, worked together to ensure that the Marvin Center served the GW community the best way it could.

"MCGB has been very helpful with getting us an office and renewing it," said GW Women in Business Co-Chair, Allison Mulhearn.

Aside from securing student organization offices, MCGB helped any student who had a concern regarding the Marvin Center and its facilities. This year, MCGB successfully worked to open Columbian Square for 24 hours, Sunday through Thursday, for undergraduates to study. The board also installed 29 new computers in the offices of various

student organizations such as Green GW and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, as well as provided students with more varied food options in J Street.

"We provide offices and customer service that allow student groups to succeed with their goals in a professional environment," said MCGB Chair Melissa Meyer. "For all students, we work to make the Marvin Center more accessible and more responsive to student needs by constantly thinking of new ways to use such a student centered space."

MountVernon Programming Council

Made "the Vern" the place to be

By Maria Cheung

The Mount Vernon Programming Council provided students living on "the Vern" a sense of community and GW spirit. The MVPC worked to get students, especially freshmen, living on Mount Vernon involved in campus life.

"We provide many opportunities for Mount Vernon students to enjoy themselves, empowering freshmen to lead, and bringing student groups to 'the Vern' for collaborative events," said MVPC Assistant Coordinator Liz Liberman. "MVPC promotes a positive image of 'the Vern' and integrates the smaller campus with the GW community at large."

Throughout the year MVPC held entertaining events for students living on Mount Vernon such as the "Vern Semi-Formal," the "Murder Mystery" dinner, and "Rock the Vern Week-



end." With its programming, MVPC truly helped Mount Vernon residents realize the unique opportunities available to them by living on a more traditional and closed campus.

MVPC also attracted students living in Foggy Bottom by hosting programs such as Octoberfest and Fountain Day. Many Foggy Bottom students enjoyed leaving their cares behind in the city to escape to the grassy knolls and tranquility of "the Vern."

Senior Class Gift Committee

Helped create tomorrow's alumni out of today's senior class

By Maria Cheung

The Senior Class Gift Committee was a select group of student leaders from the senior class that came together to propose ideas for what their class' main alumni gift would be to the GW community. The senior class then voted online and chose the Old Man Schenley textbook scholarship and plaque.

Old Man Schenley was the nickname GW students had for longtime Foggy Bottom resident Eddie Bieber who had lived in Schenley Hall since 1942. He died in the summer of 2007 and many Colonials held a special place in their hearts for him.

The majority of the funds raised supported scholarships for students on financial aid to help cover the cost of textbooks. A modest part of the

funds went towards a plaque placed beside Old Man Schenley's signature bench. This year was the first time seniors were able to choose how their personal donations were spent. Many chose to give back to their beloved student organizations or favorite academic department.

"It is the goal of our program to help foster a sense of philanthropy at GW, and to encourage students to help one another," said SGC Coordinator David Anderson. "Our class is directly supporting tons of initiatives on campus and helping the student body in general with the textbook scholarship, leaving a strong legacy for the Class of 2009."



GW Hatchet

Was the pulse of colonial life on campus

By Maria Cheung



The GW Hatchet provided students with their fix of campus news every Monday and Thursday. The Hatchet had something for everyone with its SA updates, crime log reports, amusing feature stories and crossword puzzles.

"The Hatchet is such an important contribution to the GW community," said Special Projects Manager Kyle Cannon. "The paper adds to the campus life here by keeping a record of GW and all the events that go on for present and future students."

This year, the Hatchet was the recipient of the Pacemaker Award, unfficially known as the Pulitzer Prize of student journalism. The editorial staff worked diligently to earn the award, constantly researching, reporting, and photographing every major event on campus.

The Hatchet continued to maintain its excellence within the field of student journalism throughout the year. For the election, the Hatchet had live web logging the whole night and featured over 30 reporters in the field.

"The Hatchet is the best way for students to be informed about what's going on in the GW community and keeps students connected to one another," said Clayton McClesky, life columnist. "It also gets students to see GW outside of their own personal involvement."

Daily Colonial Acted as a pioneer of online journalism

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By Maria Cheung

The Daily Colonial provided GW students with an alternative way to read their campus and national news. The Daily Colonial was GW's daily online publication and as a result, its content was accessible anytime and anyplace.

"We focus on having extremely accurate, interesting reporting and coverage instead of the latest rumors," said Daily Colonial Co-Editor-in-Chief Marissa Moran. "I want to make the Daily Colonial a strong, high-quality publication that people turn to for well-written stories about under publicized events or circumstances that that they want and need to know about."

With the ever-changing world of online journalism, the Daily Colonial staff always tried to keep up to date with the newest trends. The Daily Colonial

e-mail edition further ensured that all Colonials had immediate notification of the latest, breaking news on campus.

This year, the Daily Colonial launched its new web site which featured more stories focused on an in-depth look at news, sports, arts, and style on campus. The staff wanted to expose their readers to all areas of GW life and the site allowed them to achieve this goal.

The Link

Fostered the arts and creativity on campus

By Maria Cheung

For students who came to college looking to be immersed in the arts and culture, the Link was the perfect place. The Link was an organization that started in the summer of 2007 when co-founders Chris Burke and Natalie Kaplan recognized an art void in student life.

The Link was formed as a social forum to bring students, professors, and the city together to engage in the arts. The group hoped to help the spirit of creative expression grow at GW and further cultivate the art community.

On such a politically charged campus, the Link strived to connect the more artistically inclined Colonials to their more politically orientated counterparts. The organization also worked throughout the year to get its website running, which further provided students with more

information about various cultural and art events around DC.



"Working with the Link, I get to see that spark in students who are thrilled to know someone is doing something about the lack of visible artistic and musical expression on campus," said the Link President Natalie Kaplan. "I love getting people involved in the Link and seeing the atmosphere change and the community develop because of it."

GW Review Expanded GW's literary world

By Maria Cheung

The GW Review aimed to discover great writers that perhaps other student publications had overlooked. It wanted to make their literary pieces available to the world. The diversity of the Review writers helped make the magazine one of a kind.

The Review, an entirely student run literary magazine, published poetry, fiction and art. It also offered students the opportunity to learn important editorial and design skills in a relaxed peer setting.

Every semester, the Review staff held coffeehouse readings where students were able to read their pieces in front of an audience in a professional setting. These readings helped the Review and other members of the GW literary community promote interest and participation in the arts on campus.



"My favorite part about working on the Review is the fantastic people that I have met," said Editor-in-Chief Andrew Rigefsky. "We all work tirelessly for the Review, yet I know that we are there for each other when something goes wrong, and though we may not always agree, each of us tries to make the Review the best it can be."



GWTV

Provided aspiring broadcasters and producers with a place to learn By Maria Cheung



GWTV provided Colonials with the opportunity to have their own student-run television network and programming. Aspiring journalists reported from the field, anchored broadcasts, and interviewed their favorite campus celebrities.

The flagship news magazine show, GWeekly, provided GW's various student organizations with the chance to have campus television publicity. This allowed more students to become further involved with the GW community.

GWTV's original programming was also entertaining and a strong presence in student life on campus. More underclassmen joined GWTV this year than in the past, which helped the organization achieve one of its major goals of expansion.

"The best part of GWTV is the people whom are involved," said Station Manager Melinda Pearl. "We've said from the beginning that at GWTV we are a family and that is truly what we are."

WRGW

Granted Colonials their own voices through quality radio programming By Maria Cheung



WRGW exposed students to the highs and lows of running a radio station while providing the campus with entertaining shows. Because of its eclectic mix of music, sports, news, and live reports, WRGW had something for everyone.

The radio was the only place GW students could hear live broadcasts of every Colonial men's and women's basketball games. The staff members gained important professional experience by broadcasting from the field and providing the most up to date sports coverage.

WRGW was broadcasted via the Internet, providing GW families and alumni all over the country with the opportunity to listen. The radio hosted monthly concerts in the Mitchell Hall Theater which highlighted local talent and also held high profile in-studio performances and interviews every week.

"The best part of being General Manager for WRGW is that I can help bring great performing to campus every day," said WRGW General Manager Hannah Byam. "There really is something for every kind of music fan at WRGW."

Wooden Teeth

Helped the GW literary community flourish

By Maria Cheung

Every semester GW writers and artists looked forward to seeing their work published in Wooden Teeth magazine. Wooden Teeth featured poetry, prose, and two-dimensional art all produced by the GW students.

Wooden Teeth, the oldest art and literary magazine on campus, was named after George Washington's famous false wooden teeth. The magazine was originally called Rock Creek and renamed Wooden Teeth in 1977.

This year, Wooden Teeth staff strived for more creative writing and to further cultivate the writing skills their contributors already possessed. Writers who submitted their work to Wooden Teeth were able to display their talents to students and professors throughout the GW community. The staff also held open microphone nights and poetry readings in order to foster the artistic growth of the student body.



"My favorite part of Wooden Teeth is discussing the poetry, prose and art submissions that we receive," said Editor-in-Chief Lisette Dunham. "Each writer in Wooden Teeth interprets literature differently and thus, helps me to understand and view his or her piece in a unique way."

STAR

Showed prospective students a glimpse of GW life

By Maria Cheung

The Student Admissions Representatives were often the first and only point of contact for visiting families at GW. STARs understood that the first impression students and their families had of GW were crucial to their decisions in determining where to spend the next chapter of their lives.

"Every week, I observe the STARs getting to better know one another," said STAR Coordinator Sarah Lefferts. "With time, every STAR also comes to understand the impact he or she makes on each prospective student encountered in an information session or tour."

By sharing their varied and diverse GW experiences with prospective students, STARs informed visitors of what the University had to offer. STARS were an instrumental part of



an ongoing cycle of growth at GW because they helped recruit stronger students who would succeed and represent the University well.

"My favorite part about being a STAR is having the ability to influence so many students in joining our GW family," said senior Rebecca Wood. "Interacting with prospective students and their families is one thing, but knowing you could help determine their future definitely makes it worth while."



GW Women in Business

Provided GW women with the tools necessary to excel in the workforce By Maria Cheung



Before GW Women in Business started in the fall of 2006, there was a desperate need to fill a void on campus felt by female business students and other young professionals. The group was formed to help aspiring business women find internships and networking opportunities through their peers.

This year was GW WIB's third year on campus and the organization grew into a success with over 100 active members from more than 40 different majors. GW WIB members exchanged their skill sets and knowledge for the benefit of all.

GW WIB hosted events featuring guest speakers with experience in the corporate world and also held networking and career workshops for members. In October, the GW WIB e-board attended the Harvard Women in Business Conference with other WIB organizations from all over the country.

The highlight of the year for GW WIB members was the all expense paid trip to New York City in November. GW WIB took 28 of its members and two advisors to New York to visit famous offices of various professions including finance, media, journalism, fashion and marketing. The trip allowed GW WIB members from all different economic backgrounds to exercise acquired professional skills in the workplace.

"My favorite part is seeing how this organization has evolved in such a positive manner through the years," said GW WIB Co-Chair Allison Mulhearn. "GW WIB and the talented women who are a part of this group have made my college experience the best it could be and this organization is imperative to continuing and fostering growth for successful women at GW."

International Affairs Society Allowed members to learn more about their world

By Maria Cheung



The International Affairs Society helped students bond over their appreciation of foreign cultures, global politics, development strategies and diplomatic history. Every IAS member possessed a strong passion for understanding the world and the importance of diplomacy in the 21st century.

IAS provided its members with the opportunities to serve their community, improve their debating skills, and acquire more knowledge on international issues. It also fostered sincere friendships through the members' love of foreign relations and their shared IAS experiences.

"Whether members spend every week participating in IAS programming or whether they just come to one embassy visit a semester, the IAS gives everyone a chance to grow," said Chair Bethany Thomaier.

"Everyone loves international affairs for a different reason and because of that, I've learned so much about the world simply by being a member of the organization."

The Model UN, a part of the IAS, consistently performed well on the Intercollegiate Model UN circuit and earned multiple awards from the fall conferences. These competitions along with IAS's other events, such as their embassy visits and lectures, allowed students that were interested in learning more outside of the classroom to achieve their goals.



Mock Trial

Advanced legal education among undergraduates

By Maria Cheung

GW Mock Trial traveled around the country and competed against other teams to bring a sense of undergraduate legal pride to the GW community. The team traveled to national competitions almost every weekend and thus required its members to dedicate their utmost time and dedication to its betterment.

Mock trial did not have guest speakers, forums, or events on campus, but instead spent their nights and weekends practicing in a classroom somewhere on campus. The group's goal for this year was to become a more cohesive organization, while continuing a tradition of success. Further, the team strived to win the 2009 National Championship.

"We sacrifice our lives for the success of the team," said Mock Trial President Andrew Blackwell. "After spending hours in practice and competition, my mock trial team became like my family. I would not trade those friendships for anything."



Globe-Med

Connected students to leaders building health infrastructure abroad By Maria Cheung

GlobeMed offered GW students the unique opportunity to work with development leaders abroad and help build a world in which all people could have healthy lives. For the organization, students were dynamic volunteers because they were the leaders of tomorrow.

GW's chapter of GlobeMed, which is a national organization, was specifically partnered with the Rwanda Village Concept Project.

Together, the groups worked to build the facilities of the Huye Health Center in Huye, Rwanda.

GlobeMed at GW accomplished its first goal of installing electricity in the Huye Health Clinic. It raised money to provide running water to the center and hoped to complete the installation in spring 2009. GlobeMed also



sent several of its chapter members to Rwanda over the summer to further help the health and economic conditions of the community.

"Unlike other global health organizations, GlobeMed offers its members the ability to have a direct and instant impact on individuals across the world," said GlobeMed Campaign Coordinator Adrianne Dorsey. "With GlobeMed the small contribution of one individual, whether it is time, money or ideas, provides the substance for the greater collective movement towards a more sustainable and secure world."





Protected GW students from harm





If any GW student was asked whom they would call when someone fell direly ill, he or she would undoubtedly respond EMeRG. The Emergency Medical Response Group was an entirely student run organization that worked tirelessly 24 hours a day and seven days a week to ensure GW students were protected from harm.

EMeRG was always there to respond to all medical emergencies on campus and all GW students knew EMeRG would probably respond to an emergency faster than local DC officials. EMeRG provided free emergency medical care to all GW students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Members of EMeRG were all licensed Emergency Medical Technicians with more than 130 hours of classroom and clinical training. EMeRG also provided free CPR training and other valuable outreach programs to the GW community.

"Our greatest achievement this year has been putting our ambulance in service," said EMeRG's Assistant Coordinator for Public Relations Anne Callen. "It was a ten year battle and we are proud to be able to provide this service to the GW community."

ONE

Raised awareness of global poverty on campus



By Maria Cheung

As a relatively new student organization, members of ONE worked to educate Colonials on global poverty, hunger and disease. ONE was founded to heighten an understanding of these issues on campus and in the surrounding D.C. area.

Throughout the year, members focused on securing partnerships with other progressive student organizations and hosting interesting events for the GW community. Both the "ONE Bus on Campus" and "Casino Royale" events were successes that helped ONE members spread the word about their cause.

GW's ONE chapter took part in the various challenges and competitions that the ONE campaign held nationwide. Many of the members credited their high school ONE chapters as their reasons for continuing to be members of the organization in college.

"Even though ONE echoes a lot of the same goals of other student organizations, it is important simply because we are well-known," said senior Sabiha Zainulbhai. "Our events really show the collaborative efforts of many people. Different people come to our meetings every week and everyone's ideas are taken into account."

College Democrats

Helped bring change to GW

By Maria Cheung

One organization on campus that never stopped working throughout the year was the GW Chapter of the College Democrats. The CDs campaigned tirelessly for President Obama in the fall and continued spreading the Democratic message long after Nov. 4, earning campus wide recognition.

In November, the CDs were named Student Organization of the Month by GW's National Residence Hall Honorary for their active campaigning and multitude of events. In the fall, the CDs spent many Saturday mornings knocking on doors throughout Virginia, and in October traveled to Columbus, Ohio. They organized weekly phone banks and reached a total of 60,000 voters.

The week before the election was declared "Countdown to Change Week" by the CDs, who held events such as the "What's at Stake in 2008" panel and even more canvassing trips to Virginia.

In the fall, the CDs hosted some of the most influential members of the Democratic Party, including Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Senator Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, and political activist and strategist Donna Brazille.

The mission of the CDs was to work actively for the increased participation of Colonials in the Democratic Party. They believed that being involved in a political organization was the most important thing a student could do on campus, especially one in the heart of the nation's capital.

The CDs enjoyed good relations with other politically active organizations on campus including their counterparts, the College Republicans. The CDs and CRs held various debates and events with each other including the annual football game between the two. This year, the CDs also held a human rights debate with GW Amnesty International.

To help spread political awareness on campus, the CDs had many social events, where their members could come together and enjoy each other's company. In September, the CDs had a Welcome Back Barbecue and "Barack n' Bowl," where members spent a night bowling in the Hippodrome.

In October, the CDs hosted "OPROMA," a formal fundraiser, and various debate watch parties for their members. The election events culminated with The Blue Room Election Night Party in the Marvin Center on Nov. 4, where the CDs celebrated their historic victory together.

The CDs knew the importance of community service, both on campus and in the greater D.C. community. They worked with other student organizations to raise \$4,000 for the Whitman-Walker AIDS Walk. The CDs also organized the "YES WE CAN" Canned Food Drive and adopted a family during the holidays.

In the future, the CDs hoped to further stimulate political thought on campus and attract the active interest of students who believe in the Democratic principles, ideas and candidates. They wanted to advocate three major issues that were at the heart of our generation's political conscious: college affordability, marriage equality and sustainability.

"My favorite part about the CDs are the 8 hour bus rides and sleeping on gym floors with 50 other people as we volunteer for candidates in places like Ohio," said President Cory Struble. "That's when life-long friendships are made and I'll never forget the friendships I built while contributing to a cause that mattered."







College Republicans

Acted as the foot soldiers of the GOP

By Maria Cheung

As a predominantly liberal campus, one would think political conservatives would have a hard time finding their niche at GW. Well, not exactly. With approximately 250 active members and a listserv reaching 1,000 students, the GW Chapter of the College Republicans was one of the most active organizations on campus.

Founded in 1908 to support President Taft, the GW CRs became one of the largest collegiate chapters in the nation. They worked to foster a congressional community in which Republican-minded students could come together and grow politically. Many CRs interned in Republican offices and served as party activists.

"Without our participation in this academic and political environment, students would be left with no exposure to the conservative movement," said College Republican Chairman Brand Kroeger. "The best part though is meeting so many amazing and like-minded people. That is always a blessing."

This year during the historic election season, the Republican Party depended on student organizations such as the CRs to help recruit young voters and supporters for presidential candidate John McCain. The CRs canvassed the country with trips to Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Ohio. They made calls to almost 100,000 voters, and worked to raise money for the campaign.

"Unfortunately our candidate did not win the election, but we all worked hard," said Vice Chairman Daniel Sadlosky. "We did the best we could. We were upset, but we're ready to go on and stand up for the Republican Party. We'll be the ever-loyal opposition."

The CRs were also responsible for bringing some of the most influential speakers to GW including former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, and U.S. Representatives Adam Putnam and Tom Tancredo.

Though the mission of the CRs was to foster political activism at GW, the organization also understood the importance of bonding with each other and other student organizations. During the fall, the CRs had "NObama" barbecues in Kogan Plaza to further unite collegiate conservatives and spread their message.

In December, the CRs held their annual holiday party at Strong Hall, where they hosted a care package drive for the troops. Throughout the year, the CRs co-sponsored many events with the College Democrats including various debates and the annual football game in which the CRs were victorious for the second consecutive year.

"The best part about being a CR is the camaraderie between other CRs," said Public Relations Director Brandon James Hines. "We share the same views, have the same values and in many ways we're like a family on campus. We know how hard it can be to be a Republican on campus, but we bind together to promote and represent the conservative message."





Colonials For Life

Furthered the discussion and debate on abortion

By Maria Cheung

Though the members of Colonials for Life found themselves in the minority at GW, they were still one of the most active political student organizations on campus. They believed that human rights should begin from the moment life begins. Throughout the year, the organization strove to educate Colonials on the effects of abortion on the preborn, women and society.

Colonials for Life hosted events, which included a debate on the nature of human rights and abortion, as well as an expose on the Freedom of Choice Act. This event explored the disproportionate effect abortion has had on the African-American community.

"This year specifically we have focused on issues surrounding the elections and the recently elected Congress and President," said Colonials

for Life Vice President Maura Reilly. "Through being involved in CFL, I came to realize that there are many other organizations just like us on college campuses across the country, which is both inspiring and comforting to know."

At their sixth annual "Cemetery of the Innocents," CFL remembered those of our generation lost to abortion. Members also supported women



Voices For Choices

Fought for a woman's right to choose

By Maria Cheung and Manisha Reddy

Voices for Choices promoted the importance of reproductive freedom on campus. It was created in the fall of 2001 when students decided to become more involved in the cause after discovering that GW lacked a pro-choice student organization. With over 400 members, Voices for Choices grew to be one of the largest political groups at the University.

The organization hosted numerous events to inform and empower students to make a difference in the reproductive justice movement, both at home and abroad. At one such event, "Cookies and Condoms in Kogan," group members passed out cookies and condoms to Colonials in an effort to educate people about safe sex.



The group also hosted voter registration drives, safe sex parties in Thurston and a Roe v. Wade 30th anniversary celebration. At their annual event, "Sextravaganza," Voices for Choices members celebrated safe sex by bringing a Planned Parenthood sex educator to discuss sexual and reproductive health in a relaxed, informal environment. The organization even led a delegation of almost one thousand students to the "National March for Women's Lives."

"Voices for Choices is an indispensable resource on GW's campus," said officer Abbey Marr. "The health center costs money and is not always the first place students want to go to talk about sex, sexual health and how to be safe. We try to fill that gap through our links to Planned Parent-hood, but also through the fact that we are students who truly understand these issues."



Circle K International

Helped Colonials become responsible global citizens

By Maria Cheung



Circle K International was one of GW's most active and largest community service organizations. CKI members worked to improve the campus, city, and the international community by getting students involved in any type of service.

Unlike other organizations, CKI had no minimum number of hours or events that members had to attend. CKI aimed to be an enjoyable and effective club that attracted students with all types of interests.

"CKI gives GW students who would normally not be able to volunteer on a constant basis because of class or other commitments a chance to join a service organization," said CKI President Orlando Carvajal. "They can join their fellow peers who are able to sign up for certain community service projects throughout the city on a timely basis."

Since September 2008, CKI members performed over

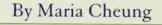
1000 hours of community service working with disabled children and senior citizens, and cleaning up parks. In the fall, CKI was awarded the Student Activities Center's Spotlight Award for its significant contribution to campus life.

In January 2009, members served on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Planning Committee and organized a sock drive for D.C. homeless veterans. At the drive they collected about a hundred pairs of socks and a total of \$226.50 to purchase more socks to deliver to veterans across the city.

"It is so rewarding to hear a 'thank you' or a 'great job' after a service project," said CKI Vice President of Service Eva Ceder. "It reminds you that the hours you're volunteering are making a difference in the lives of those you serve."

GW STAND

Increased awareness of genocide abroad





Members of GW STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition worked to educate Colonials on the genocide in Darfur, Sudan and to mobilize the GW community to take action against the injustices. They also aimed to educate the GW community about the issues in other countries experiencing genocide.

STAND allowed students to move outside of their own personal spheres and make a positive impact on the lives of people halfway across the globe. In the fall, STAND worked hard during the presidential campaign to ensure that Darfur was a pressing issue, on both the presidential and congressional level.

Once the new administration took office, STAND aimed to make ending the genocide in Darfur a priority in President Obama's first 100 days in office.

This was part of STAND's national campaign, "Darfur from Day One," and the GW chapter had a special advantage to target the administration because of their convenient D.C. location.

"STAND is an organization that's filled with really great, compassionate people," said Communications Coordinator Kaden Trifilio. "Working to stop genocide usually does not give students any feeling of instant gratification, because it is definitely a challenge, so the people who work on it are very committed and caring about the issue."



GW Students for Fair Trade Advocated fair labor practices

By Maria Cheung

GW Students for Fair Trade worked to raise awareness about fair trade and trade justice on campus. The organization was an instrumental part of bringing fair trade products to GW and members worked with Sodexo to provide students with food produced in just and sustainable ways.

"In a school as absorbed in international affairs as GW, it's important to have student organizations pushing the envelope and asking real questions about development, trade policy and food justice," said GWSFT President Anna Johnson. "GWSFT works to make the student body more away of issues that affect us all on a daily basis."

Throughout the year, GWSFT had several events on campus, including the "Fair Trade Coffeehouse" and a film screening of the movie

Black Gold. GWSFT also served as an outlet for anyone with social justice issues to discuss and promote their causes.

"I don't specifically take classes on economics, international development, or trade justice, but GWSFT allows me to learn about these topics in an academic arena without being graded on it," said GWSFT Vice President Amanda Leslie. "GWSFT members come from all over the country and without this organization, I would not have known these people and had the amazing experiences with them that I have had."

Amnesty International Worked to ensure human rights for all

By Maria Cheung

Amnesty International, an advocacy group, aimed to raise awareness of, and campaign against, human rights violations committed throughout the world. The group's goal was to educate the student body by organizing events, sponsoring speakers, and conducting stimulating debates and student-based dialogue during their meetings.

In honor of the presidential election, Amnesty International worked to educate students on human rights conditions at home. Other topics of discussion at their meetings included private military contractor accountability for violent actions against foreign citizens, the lasting effects of violence against women in parts of the Muslim World, understanding human rights in the media and the fate of Guantanamo Bay.



By raising awareness of global issues, Amnesty International provided Colonials with the essential background knowledge to better understand and respect the world's distinct social and political environments. It also allowed members access to scholarly discourse that highlighted the severity of human rights abuses.

"There is always something new to learn about in a given topic and a unique way of understanding our world, and I always appreciated the wealth of different perspectives that were put forth in our frequent discussions," said President Tyler Logan.



Green GW

Showed Colonials how to live by green standards By Maria Cheung and Shannon Matloob



GW was never a school noted for its eco-friendliness. It had actually been referred to as one of the least "green" universities in the country. However, Green GW, a student organization devoted to improving the environmental and energy efficiency of the University, hoped to change this reputation.

The organization worked with members of the University including students, faculty and staff to improve environmental awareness on campus. The Office of Sustainability and the Green Living Committee also helped Green GW achieve its goals of making the campus more environmentally friendly.

Green GW held weekly meetings and frequent events such as "Green GW's Light Bulb Trade In," where students traded in their old incandescent light bulbs for new compact fluorescent ones. The

University allowed Green GW to institute campus-wide programs such as "Eco-Challenge" and "Recycle-mania" where students in different residence halls competed to see who could conserve the most energy and recycle the most.

"One of the best parts of Green GW is that it offers a range of opportunities to get people involved on campus, in the city, politically and through volunteering," said Green GW Executive Director Preeti Parulekar. "The variety makes Green GW very inclusive, so everyone can find an interesting way to take part in a green lifestyle."

Student Movement For Real Change Advocated for positive change in the world By Maria Cheung



Student Movement for Real Change provided Colonials with a vehicle to advocate for positive change in neglected regions of the world. The organization empowered members to become leaders and provided them with opportunities to improve health and education in developing communities worldwide.

This year SMRC aimed to give students a forum to further facilitate positive change on both a national and international level in fun and creative ways. As a relatively new student organization, SMRC, which was founded in 2006, continued to expand on campus.

Their signature event, the "Anything But Clothes Run," raised money for the Mashlati School in South Africa, and quickly became an integral part of GW campus life. Through its innovative events

and fundraisers, SMRC provided a creative and fun outlet for students who had a passion for helping the world.

"In SMRC we pride ourselves in being 'not your average student organization," said Co-President Sasha Frankel. "I like that our meetings usually consist of couches, baked goods, lots of laughing, or some mixture of the three."

Books For Africa

Gave textbooks to students a world away

By Maria Cheung

Every semester many GW students sold their old textbooks back to the bookstore or other book buyback services for less than half of the original price. Members of Books for Africa, however, worked to encourage Colonials to send their used college books to African communities. This reduced the costs of building community libraries and educational centers in African towns.

Books for Africa strived to be an educational, yet social group on campus. Members hoped to get more people involved and educate them about Africa. The organization's executive board was also its largest ever with 12 members, which was the result of its successful increase in membership.

The group held fundraising lunches and worked closely with other student organizations such as GW STAND and the Student Global Aids Campaign. In April, Books for Africa hosted "Africa

Week" in which all the Africa orientated student groups on campus held social and philanthropic events together.

Members of Books for Africa believed that when students donated the books they did not want any longer at the end of the semester, instead of throwing them out, it allowed them to realize the importance of helping people in other countries. GW students discovered that a luxury they took for granted was something many students in Africa could not even afford.

GW Unicef Created change for the better

By Maria Cheung

GW UNICEF was GW's collegiate branch of the United Nations Children's Fund, which provided emergency food and healthcare to children in countries abroad. Group members truly believed that every student on campus could have helped make a difference in the world.

Members of GW UNICEF understood that children in other countries suffered from issues that could have been prevented, such as HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, violence, exploitation and abuse. They aimed to inspire Colonials to help stop these problems through education, fundraising and advocacy.

UNICEF's annual "Trick or Treat" in October raised over \$132 million worldwide. GW UNI-



CEF members contributed to this by distributing UNICEF's orange boxes around campus for students to keep in their rooms and drop change in. The collected money was then sent to UNICEF's national headquarters. Even one penny could have changed a child's life.

"My favorite part of being part of this organization is the satisfaction I possess knowing that I have done something to help, to aid and to save a life," said GW UNICEF Vice President Yanate Banigo. "I find myself thinking even if GW UNICEF saves only one life, it is one life less lost."



Allied In Pride

Strengthened the GW Community by celebrating diversity

By Maria Cheung



Allied in Pride allowed Colonials to understand and realize the importance of tolerance and equality for all. Through their advocacy and support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, the group aimed to create an informed and supportive environment for all students.

The members of Allied in Pride worked hard to ensure that everyone could have marriage equality. For "Coming Out Week," the keynote speaker was openly gay New York State Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell. O'Donnell was a main contributor to the New York State Assembly's passage of recognizing same-sex marriage. He taught the GW community how to be an activist for marriage equality.

After the general election, Allied in Pride had an enormous turnout at the protest against Proposi-

tion 8 at the Capitol. The organization had numerous debates, discussions and events promoting marriage equality on campus and throughout D.C.

"Through social events, advocacy, and support systems, the organization has proven to be just as necessary and as successful as the Multicultural Student Services Center," said Allied in Pride President Michael Komo. "Being the leader of this organization has put me in a position to ensure that the LGBT community has a powerful voice to get the resources it needs to be a happy and healthy population."

Global Languages Acted as a passport to foreign cultures

By Maria Cheung



Global Languages made education free and fun for Colonials who wanted to learn about another language or culture. The student-run organization offered over 100 classes in 45 different languages to the entire D.C. community. In the spring, Global Languages expanded the number of classes they offered by 30 percent.

The organization enhanced campus life by offering students a convenient way to learn about exotic languages and cultures. All of the classes were taught by native speakers during the evenings on both weekdays and weekends. As a result, students were able to attend classes without many conflicts. In addition to supplementing the University's instruction of common languages, Global Languages taught more uncommon languages such as Mongolian and Afrikaans, which were rarely taught at any institute or

other university in the United States.

Student members of Global Languages served as office volunteers, cultural event volunteers and teachers. They had numerous networking opportunities and acquired crucial people and professional skills.

"Personally, my favorite part of being involved with Global Languages is that I am exposed to a diverse and interesting group of people on a daily basis," said President Laura Pettinelli. "I find it amazing how excited people get with the prospect of being able to share their culture and language with others without expecting any compensation in return."

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The GW Pitches

Enhanced the performing arts community

By Maria Cheung and Shannon Matloob

GW's student life was inundated by numerous performance organizations, particularly musical groups. The GW Pitches, established in 1996, was the oldest all-female a cappella group on campus.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Sunday night, the melodic voices of the Pitches could be heard from the basement of Ivory Tower where the group rehearsed. The members of the GW Pitches constantly challenged themselves with new pieces, but they never forgot the importance of having fun while doing so.

Members became best friends through the years. New members experienced all of the attributes of being a part of the Pitches, while older Pitches continued to improve their skills. The girls grew through every performance as they experienced the pride that accompanied all of their hard work.



"The Pitches make GW a better place because we provide the GW population with awesome songs arranged fantastically by our talented members," said Business Manager Vanessa Quirk. "And the songs are sung by a bunch of hotties. What could be better than that?"

The Sirens Created beautiful music in harmony

By Maria Cheung

The Sirens provided Colonials with an opportunity to be entertained by their peers with familiar and inspiring musical pieces. The all-female a capella group worked to perform classic songs, new and old, for the GW community.

Aside from their shared love of music and singing, the girls formed special bonds that went beyond the stage. They became best friends, encouraging each other to excel in their academic and professional lives.

"My favorite part of the Sirens is the friendships that are created over a shared passion for music," said Business Manager Sara Fellman. "We really are like a family and support each

other through the challenges that college brings. I feel so lucky to have that."



The girls held many solo concerts throughout the year and also worked with other campus a capella groups in shows such as "Acappellapalooza" in the fall and "Battle of the A Cappellas" in the spring. All of the shows brought many different music-lovers together and created chances for them to listen to some of their most beloved songs.



GW Troubadours

Made a cappella music even more fun

By Maria Cheung



Known affectionately as the Troubs, the GW Troubadours were GW's oldest a cappella group. The Troubs arranged and performed music from a variety of genres, including pop, rock and R&B.

The group prided itself on being easily accessible to its fans and wanted them to realize the importance of music. Members strove to expand their musical repertoire to include more current, popular music in their performances and to produce a high-quality CD of their own songs for their fans to purchase.

The Troubs held their own concerts twice a year and performed at various a capella events such as "Battle of the A Cappellas." They also regularly performed at many charity events, including "Acappellapalooza," in which proceeds from the concert supported a different charity each year.

"The Troubadours is my stress relief for the week," said sophomore member Jennie Yoon. "I have found my closest friends and a family in the group whom I absolutely love. Being with them makes me forget my problems for just a few hours a week!"

GW Vibes

Strove to make GW a center for music and culture



By Maria Cheung

The GW Vibes provided the GW community with entertaining co-ed a cappella music. The group enhanced the overall availability of performance and cultural opportunities for Colonials on campus through their varied songs and melodies.

Each member of the Vibes had an active role in the group and felt personally responsible for its success. Vibes members not only learned how to work together harmoniously on stage, but also became best friends outside of rehearsal, constantly inspiring each other.

The Vibes performed at numerous events throughout the year, including "Acapellapalooza" in the fall. In the spring, they opened for Ben Folds and Jason Mraz and released a new CD.

"The GW Vibes makes attending GW a little bit more fun and helps people appreciate the arts in a contemporary way that relates to many students' musical tastes," said Co-Leader Ryan Karsner. "We just love making beautiful music."

GW Ballroom

Encouraged students to dance and perform together By Maria Cheung and Shannon Matloob

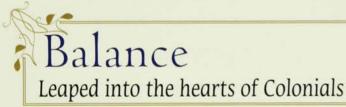
The typical GW student knew how to dance, but whether he or she knew how to ballroom dance was another story. For those who did not know, or just wanted to brush up on their skills, GW Ballroom was there to help.

Each year, new and eager students joined GW Ballroom and added to an ever-increasing team of talented and varied dancers. The group was dedicated to bringing ballroom and Latin dancing to campus. They offered lessons in waltz, tango, swing, salsa, rumba and other creative styles.

Members competed in intercollegiate and amateur ballroom dance competitions. They also help open classes for the GW community, as well as events open to the greater D.C. Ballroom community.



"The most important thing about Ballroom is how much fun it is for students," said President Karen Chen. "It's a great way for them to learn something new, make new friends, and get in some exercise. We don't mind the chivalry it inspires in our boy members either."



By Maria Cheung and Manisha Reddy

Known as GW's only ballet company, Balance showed students the beauty and grace of ballet. In its fifth year on campus, the group strove to inspire those with a love of dance and included people from all levels of experience.

The group's goals included spreading their enthusiasm for ballet, providing dancers with a place to practice, and becoming more involved in the larger D.C. community. In December, members produced their annual performance of "The Nutcracker," as well as other performances throughout the spring semester.

Members were given the opportunity to dance, choreograph and perform onstage. For those who shared a love for dance but did not wish to SE YOU A GOOD WINDAY

perform onstage, the group had numerous social events such as outings to dance performances and bowling nights.

"We are proud to keep arts and culture alive on George Washington University's campus," said Public Relations Director Marcia Newbert. "We also give dancers and dance enthusiasts a place to exercise their passion."



Phi Sigma Pi Fostered fellowship, scholarship and leadership

By Maria Cheung



Phi Sigma Pi members found their family away from home in each other. The co-ed honors fraternity offered Colonials a unique Greek atmosphere for those who did not feel social Greek organizations were the right fit for them.

The fraternity strove to continue the unprecedented growth it had achieved over the years on campus and within its national structure. PSP prided itself on the ideals of fellowship, scholarship and leadership, which all members proudly adhered to.

This year, the fraternity had 35 new members and helped plan the second Alternative Greek Week with other non-social Greeks. During the week, non-social Greeks competed in various events and contests against each other for the title of being the best. PSP also held its first ever school-wide service auction in the spring.

"My favorite part of being in PSP is the people," said President Chris Diaz. "I have been able to make some of my best friends at GWthrough PSP and have created lifelong bonds. It's also just a great support network, especially with the complexities of collegiate personal lives."

Delta Sigma Pi Fostered brotherhood and success among business students

By Maria Cheung



Known on campus as the first and foremost business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi strove to maintain its positive reputation, while increasing its presence at GW and around D.C. DSP exceeded its expectations this year and achieved record-breaking professional, philanthropic and social success.

The fraternity, which was founded in 2000, was an integral part of Colonial culture, especially within the School of Business. The organization offered its members the ability to discover potential internships, jobs, and networking opportunities through valuable brother and alumni connections.

The strong sense of brotherhood in DSP allowed members to advance professionally and further their knowledge of the business world. Members shared a love of business and a determination to succeed.

"We are all in the same boat and share the same vision and values," said President Ryan Smith. "I have met some of my closest friends in DSP and I am happy to call them my brothers for life. DSP isn't just for four years; it's for life."

Organization of African States

Increased awareness of African countries on campus

By Maria Cheung

The Organization of African Students provided a home for any Colonial who wished to learn more about the continent of Africa. OAS worked to cultivate its reputation among all of the different student organizations at GW.

"Since I am one of the only non-Africans on the e-board, I have been introduced to a totally new culture," said Treasurer Justin Hunter. "Just interacting with the other members has given me a better understanding of the linguistic and social aspects of a number of countries in Africa."

At the annual "Taste of Africa" event, the organization showcased different aspects of African culture such as food, art and fashion. In the spring, OAS members also helped the wider D.C. community by volunteering with senior citizens at St. Mary's Court, a senior living home near campus.



"I love being a member of OAS," said Public Relations Director Cynthia Okoye. "As a Nigerian who spent most of her life in Nigeria, being a member of the Organization of African Students automatically gives me a family, guidance and protection on campus."



Worked for the equal rights of all races

By Maria Cheung

Known as an organization for everyone, GW's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People worked for equality and respect of all people. NAACP members truly believed in the organization's principles and strove to have its message heard on campus.

Throughout its national history, NAACP has been a beacon of hope in times of extreme darkness. GW NAACP members realized this and aimed to act as a reminder of the progress and awareness that can be inherent in every negative situation.

This year NAACP increased its membership tion held panel events featuring prominent

and overall campus reputation. The organiza-

speakers on the importance of tolerance, understanding and harmony in an ever-changing and globalizing world.



"My favorite part of being involved in NAACP is the unity I feel it creates between me and my peers," said Second Vice President Sho'leh Geula. "I am a part of one of the most important social movements in our nation's history. The NAACP truly inspires me."



AIESEC

Cultivated a love of international service

By Maria Cheung



Colonials looking to live and work abroad had to search no further than GW's chapter of AIESEC. The international work-exchange program was completely student-run and aimed to increase awareness on campus.

AIESEC had a strong recruitment drive and also worked with other student organizations on campus to advertise their internship programs. Through AIESEC, members improved their public speaking skills, connected with other culture lovers around the world, worked overseas, and applied their professional skills with their academic backgrounds.

Many AIESEC members spent their summers interning for NGOs in exotic places such as rural India, Tunisia and Malaysia. They also met fellow global AIESEC members from various countries

including Turkey, Brazil, Germany, Peru, Morocco, Thailand, Japan, England, China, Poland and Pakistan.

"I've had so many life- changing experiences through AIESEC," said President Amanda Bullington. "The friendships I have made through AIESEC are simply invaluable and as President of AIESEC D.C. I am grateful to be able to help others find the same opportunities."

Ad Club

Gave future advertisers a glimpse into the real world

By Maria Cheung



The Ad Club allowed students with a passion for advertising and marketing to truly experience the fields while still in college. The organization worked closely with the American Advertising Federation, which allowed its members access to invaluable networking events they would not have had otherwise.

The group aimed to increase its presence and make students aware of all the advertising and marketing opportunities on campus. Ad Club provided its members with a unique and priceless learning experience mixed with a warm social aspect.

Members were there for anyone who needed professional advice regarding advertising and marketing. They acted as mentors for younger students interested in the fields who needed assistance with resumes and internships.

The club also competed in the annual National Student Ad Competition in the spring. Members devised a campaign for The Century Council, an organization that worked to curb binge drinking and drunk driving, to help combat dangerous over-consumption of alcohol by college students.

"My favorite part of being involved with Ad Club is being able to work with my peers in our own ad agency and really explore the advertising process is like," said President Andi Cross. "It is the most 'real world' experience I have ever had and the group has become really close friends. It is the best club I have ever been a part of."

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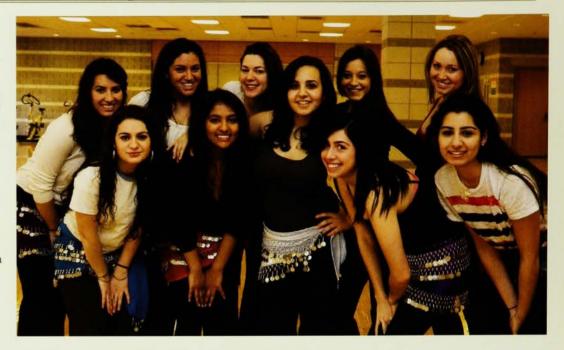
Brought pieces of the Persian Culture to campus

By Maria Cheung

Belly-dancing was not a type of dance all Colonials were familiar with, yet many were introduced to it through Aatash. The all-female group, which was founded in 2004, aimed to expose students to the Persian and Iranian world through its performances and dances.

The group worked to further cultivate the positive and widely-known reputation it had earned through the years. In 2009, the team blossomed into the strongest in Aatash's history with many new members and creative inspiration.

The girls performed at events such as the Iranian Cultural Society's Norooz Celebration and the Persian Day Parade in New York City. Aatash was also one of the few collegiate Persian dance teams in the nation and prided itself on having members of all ethnicities.



"We have a pretty international flavor," said Co-Captain Iman Sheybani-Nezhad. "I know a lot of Iranians in the area that are very impressed that so many different types of girls have learned Persian dance so well."

Satyam Allowed Colonials to learn more about Hinduism

By Maria Cheung and Manisha Reddy

tion, worked to promote an understanding of Hinduism and eastern spirituality on campus. It gave students of the Hindu faith and those interested in Hinduism an opportunity to learn more about the religion and culture.

The group truly provided its members with a supporting and warm environment to celebrate their beliefs, lifestyles and religious holidays. In addition to social and religious events, Satyam participated in several community service projects with the Seva Foundation, an organization which helped the underserved.

In 2009, Satyam had a greater presence on campus than in the past by having more mean-



ingful events celebrating Hindu holidays and celebrations. The group also increased its membership and attendance at events.

"My favorite part is being able to continue to practice Hinduism the way I did at home and learning stuff I didn't know about my culture and religion from fellow peers," said President Puja Chokshi. "Also, it is a great way to bring the students of GW together!"



Indian Students Association

Fostered Awareness of Indian Culture

By Maria Cheung



The Indian Students Association promoted the Indian culture both on and off campus. ISA members shared a common story and bonded over similar upbringings, cultural cohesion, and the religious likeness that accompanied their shared experiences.

ISA held cultural events that catered to a wide and diverse audience. Members performed the sacred dance of Garba, spread goodwill on Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and celebrated the coming of spring with an art and dance showcase in honor of Holi, the Festival of Colors.

The organization increased its membership this year and its events attracted a larger and more professional group of students. Despite ISA's focus on programming, members never forgot their main goal of maintaining their strong bonds with the culture and traditions of their families.

"Watching our fellow students engage with our culture and forge friendships through it is our favorite part of what we do," said Vice President Eshawn Rawlley. "It makes all of our hard work worthwhile."

Jewish Student Association

Provided programming for the Jewish community By Maria Cheung and Shannon Matloob



The Jewish Student Association aimed to unite all of the Jewish Colonials on campus under one organization. Members shared similar cultural traditions and bonded over religious customs.

JSA was comprised of various different members of the Jewish community and operated as the Student Leadership Board for GW Hillel, the Jewish campus center. The members, whom were elected annually through Hillel, worked tirelessly with other student groups, staff, individuals, and campus administrators to support and celebrate the Jewish community.

The group tried its best to fulfill the needs of Jewish students on campus, whether through religious services or social events. JSA planned the "Tu B'Shvat Extravaganza" for Jewish students to bond over a

chocolate fountain and fondue and various fireside chats for speakers to discuss their personal experiences with Judaism.

"My favorite part of being involved with the organization is interacting with different students on campus to provide great programming for our community," said President Josh Abrams.

Omicron Delta Kappa

Bonded through personal, academic, and professional success

By Maria Cheung

Omicron Delta Kappa's members were selected as part of the national honor fraternity because of their involvement in a wide range of activities and achievements. They had excellent grades, extraordinary extra-curricular involvement, and selfless participation in community service opportunities.

Members had vast and interesting backgrounds as a result of their leadership positions in a diverse range of activities. As a result, the organization was very creative in their endeavors and multifaceted.

ODK members fostered their friendships through a variety of social events, including happy hours at Tonic, their traditional initiation ceremony and a trip to the Newseum. They also continued the same level of academic excellence and community involvement that helped make GW the strong and dynamic school it prided itself in being.



"I love ODK because it's a great way to meet and regularly see GW students that I know from a wide variety of activities," said President Hayley Haldeman. "We always have fun, even if it's just the executive board having a chance to meet and talk. The sheet cake from our initiation is also pretty fabulous."

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Created sisterhood through a commitment to service

By Maria Cheung

Since the founding of the Delta Zeta chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in 2003, GW's all-female community service sorority grew from a group of less than 20 girls to that of nearly 90 sisters. The fall 2008 Rush tripled ESA's membership, with a pledge class of 55 members.

The sorority completed a record 1,161 hours of service in the fall, working with more than 40 organizations throughout D.C. Sisters volunteered at soup kitchens, women's shelters and environmental organizations around the city.

ESA also continued to fundraise for its national philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, with events such as "Gobble Fest," in which students participated in a Thanksgiving eating relay contest. In the spring, the chapter

Psein Sigma Alpha G W's Community Service Sorority

hosted its third annual Battle of the Bands, a benefit concert and raffle that raised over \$11,000.

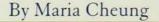
"We will to continue to reach out to as many people in the community as possible and to make the greatest impact we can," said Vice President Emily Roseman. "Our support for our own sisters and the larger GW community has greatly enriched student life both inside and outside of our sorority."

Delta Zeta Chapter



Colonial Brass

Acted as a symbol of school spirit





Any Colonial who had ever been to a basketball game knew the sweet sounds of Colonial Brass. The pep-band was always present at all of the games as well as many other campus events to entertain fans and show its school spirit through its music.

"I really love being the face of the spirited students at the University," said Junior Teaching Assistant Kat Overland. "Supporting our team and our school is a great opportunity both at home in Smith Center and all across the country."

Colonial Brass's main goal was to play hard and cheer harder. The band pumped up the crowd and got the team energized to play. The group added character to any GW event it attended and its music helped bring people together.

"My favorite part is the energy and the presence of the Colonial Brass students," said TA Constance Golding. "They are all very passionate people and we all come together and form bonds of friendship that will never be broken."

I 4th Grade Players Encouraged a love of theater and the arts



By Maria Cheung

14th Grade Players provided students, both theater and non-theater majors, with the opportunity to direct, produce, act and tech shows. It was one of three independent student theater companies on campus.

The company was founded in 2001, and had grown to include over 150 members. Since then, 14th Grade Players had continued to achieve its main goal of challenging its actors, directors and audiences, with a chance to make great theater.

The 2008-2009 season was incredibly ambitious and members were very proud of their performances. They included great works such as "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Psychosis," "Man and Superman," "Rabbit Hole" and "Waiting for Godot."

"14th Grade Players has been like a family to me for the past four years," said Executive Producer Jessica Creane. "My college experience, and that of so many of my close friends, would have been lacking in creativity, debauchery and community if 14th Grade didn't exist."



Generic Theatre Company Inspired the development of future thespians Company By Maria Cheung and Shannon Matloob

The Generic Theatre Company's motto, "We may be Generic, but we are never bland," described Generic perfectly. The company never disappointed its audiences with an eclectic selection of ambitious and creative productions.

Generic was the oldest and largest student-run production company on campus. It worked endlessly to attract all audiences, by showcasing varied works, including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Jesus Christ Superstar and Jean-Paul Sartre's No Exit.

This year, Generic went beyond its reputation with two of its most successful seasons to date. Some of the productions, such as the musical The Wild Party, sold out all five performances. Other pieces covered profound topics. Radio Free America, an original play by a GW professor, explored love and friendship in a war-torn society



"When Generic shapes its season, we look for pieces of work and directors who are looking to put on a quality, challenging, and entertaining production," said Generic PR director, Amy Rhodin. "From the ambitious use of technology, to the outstanding talent of the company, each show this year has been unique and inspiring. We move seamlessly between established plays, musicals, Shakespeare, original scripts, and comedy-- allowing every student on campus to find their perfect place on stage or in the audience."

Arab Student Association

Fostered a community for Arab Colonials

By Maria Cheung

The Arab Student Association established a sound presence on campus and became an integral part of the student life. With a total membership of 170, ASA had an eclectic group of students with diverse backgrounds.

The organization added to the GW community's diversity by increasing the presence of the Arab world on campus, both politically and culturally. It allowed students to immerse themselves in the region's culture, learn about its traditions, partake in its political situation, and learn the basics of Arabic language.

ASA organized various social events, and spread its political views concerning the Middle East and the Arab world in order to break stereotypes. It also fostered a network system to help members find internships and jobs in the region after graduation.



"Being able to organize events that will engage students in the Middle Eastern culture is a great joy," said President Amal Al Katrib. "Not only does it enable me to enlighten others about the various aspects of the region, but it also brings a piece of home to the GW campus."



Vietnamese Student Association

Promoted an understanding of Vietnamese culture

By Maria Cheung



The Vietnamese Student Association brought an otherwise distant part of the world onto campus, and allowed students to immerse themselves in the cuisine, costume and customs of Vietnam. It also served as a place where recent study-abroad returnees, Vietnamese-Americans, and other interested students could socialize and share in their appreciation for Vietnamese culture.

In recent years, VSA joined with other Vietnamese student organizations from various D.C., Maryland and Virginia schools to form a regional union focused on collective philanthropy events and member development. VSA also partnered with other GW organizations throughout the year on various events and projects

VSA was the 2006 and 2007 GW Excellence Award

Winner for Outstanding Community Service Project for its College Preparation Seminar. The program brought first-generation high-school students onto campus for a day of workshops and panels about the college experience.

"For some of us, VSA is a way to discover more about our heritage which we previously had not known," said President Hoang-Kim Vu. "For others, it is about sharing our unique traditions and language with enthusiastic and eager fellow students. But for everyone, it is really a second family to support each of us while we are here at GW, like a home away from home.

The Philippine Cultural Society Raised awareness of Filipino culture and heritage By M

By Maria Cheung



The Philippine Cultural Society promoted Philippine culture and fostered academic integrity among its members. The group provided members with a strong support system to celebrate their culture, history and heritage.

PCS also aimed to unite the various cultural organizations on campus. Members accomplished this goal by holding many events ranging from "Mr. and Miss GW Asia," to their annual "Culture Show."

Each of these events drew large crowds and attracted even more dedicated members to the group. The "Culture Show" displayed PCS's pride in its culture by enabling every member to express the values and traditions that were important to them as Filipino-Americans. The show featured authentic Filipino cuisine, traditional dances and dramatic showcases.

Aside from its active social and cultural roles on campus, PCS members worked to make the greater D.C. community a better place. They made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and held canned food drives for the hungry. Members also created Valentine's Day cards for a nursing home.

"The people in PCS are just amazing," said President Iris Castro. "They truly become your family and your home away from home."

Organization of Latino American Students

Highlighted the dynamic nature of Latino American heritage

By Maria Cheung

The Organization of Latino American Students invited all Colonials to experience Latino American life through cultural celebrations, community service projects, and social and political activism. The group reached out to other multicultural student groups at GW and worked with them to support each group's cultural events.

OLAS held many cultural events such as "La Fiestasa," a party full of music and authentic Latin American Cuisine, and "Noche de Cultura," its annual end of the year cultural celebration. The events served as exciting, interactive cross-cultural exchanges which were both entertaining and informative.

Members of OLAS believed that through communication and understanding, they could bridge the gap between cultures. The organization established

not only a true understanding of diversity on campus but also an appreciation and respect for peoples' differences.

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"The best part about being involved with OLAS is the feeling of having a close family at GW," said President Andrea Criollo. "OLAS has always been a warm and welcoming community and we pride ourselves in being welcoming of people of all races and ethnicities to celebrate the many facets of Latino culture."

Caribbean Student Association

Preserved the cultural identity of the Caribbean

By Maria Cheung

The Caribbean Student Association acted as the voice of the Caribbean students on campus. The organization promoted social and cultural interaction among Caribbean students, as well as the greater GW community in general.

Through their dedication, CSA members upheld the bonds of their culture and continued to foster unity within their organization. They also educated Colonials of different races and ethnicities about the cultures of the West Indies through their exotic and delicious foods, dances, music and discussions.

The group hoped to educate, enlighten and enrich student life on campus through its entertaining and diverse events. These events included holiday dinners, a Sports Day and various movie nights, in which members bonded and enjoyed each other's company.



"I love seeing the outcome when you work hard with your team to put on an event and it comes together," said President Jacqueline Mitchell. "When people show up and enjoy themselves, it just feels amazing."



Students for a Free Cuba

Fought for the human rights of the Cuban people

By Maria Cheung



Students for a Free Cuba promoted and supported the freedoms of speech, religion, press and other human rights that were denied to the citizens of Cuba under the Communist regime. Members promoted the re-establishment of private property and demanded multi-party elections that were both free and democratic.

The organization's members shared their personal stories with each other and educated the GW community about the realities of the oppressive regime. Students for a Free Cuba was founded in January 2009, and exceeded all members' hopes by making Cuba part of the academic discussion.

The group contributed greatly to campus diversity, especially through its events. It hosted various Congressmen, experts and leaders of the Cuban-

American community who shared their thoughts about U.S. - Cuba policy, and their aspirations for a free Cuba with the members.

"Activism on behalf of a voiceless people is very fulfilling, especially when you know that among those people are your own family members who have, some of them, for their entire lives, lived under a dictatorship that does not respect even the most fundamental of human rights and civil liberties," said Secretary Katrina Valdes. "Our organization serves as a tool to spread that message and spread their hope for freedom, and so far we've been highly successful."

Newman Catholic Student Center

Acted as a home away from home for Catholic students

By Maria Cheung



The Newman Catholic Student Center provided students who wanted to be active in their Catholic faith with a place to practice. Members aimed to make students more aware of the Catholic presence on campus and hoped to see new Colonials walk through their doors on a weekly basis.

Through their programming and active marketing of their events, the Newman Center achieved their goal of reaching as many groups of people as they could. Their efforts made GW a better place, providing students with a chance to be active and ask questions about their faith. The Newman Center allowed Catholic students to find their niche at GW. Members developed a more personal relationship with Christ and an ever deepening love for the Church and one another, by praying, studying and eating together.

"My favorite part of being involved with the Newman Center is the people I've met," said Co-President Andy Bergbauer. "Our organization is like one big family. The group of people I have met has brought me closer to God. They have challenged and encouraged me in my faith and have consequently made it stronger."

Relay For Life United Colonials in the fight against cancer

By Maria Cheung

This was Relay For Life's second year on campus. The committee's goal was to expand itself and the event, while continuing to spread awareness about the devastating toll of cancer on so many lives.

Students spent the night of Saturday, April 18, at the Lerner Health and Wellness Center walking for a cure. The committee ultimately raised over \$50,000 and around 800 students participated in the event.

Relay For Life was one of the only events on campus that brought students from all different organizations together. Members of many various fraternities, sororities, multicultural organizations, and sports teams all walked side by side for one cause.



"I became involved with Relay For Life as a freshman in high school after my father was diagnosed with colon cancer," said Committee Chair Callie Meserole. "I was fortunate enough to be able to bring this nationwide American Cancer Society event to GW in my sophomore year. Cancer affects 1 in 2 males and 1 in 3 females. That statistic alone makes me proud to be part of the organization that is fighting to change this and put an end to the disease that kills so many."

The Humane Animal Treatment Society

Advocated for the rights of animals

By Maria Cheung

The Humane Animal Treatment Society worked to educate the GW community on animal welfare issues. Members helped to benefit the well-being of animals on both the local and national level through their various events. They truly believed that a society could be judged by the way it treated its animals.

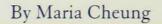
HATS was founded in Spring 2009 and had their first event, "Putting an End to Puppy Mills," in April. The event featured a nationwide phone conference hosted by the Humane Society, which included speeches by economist, author and actor Ben Stein, Congressman Sam Farr of California and Congressman Jim Gerlach of Pennsylvania. There was also a competition for cutest GW dog.



"Whether we get two people or twenty involved in our cause, getting any amount of students involved in these issues is a great step in the right direction," said President Yuliya Shamailova. "I love meeting students that have had no previous engagement in animal welfare issues and inspiring them to take an interest and maybe even become an active participant in the organization."



Alpha Epsilon Delta Promoted awareness of the medical field





Alpha Epsilon Delta was GW's only Premedical Honor Society. Its members valued philanthropy and community service in addition to their intellectual and academic achievements. AED provided advice and resources about the medical field not only to their own members, but also to premedical students not in the organization.

The society hosted multiple general body meetings geared toward increasing its members' knowledge of the medical world, their insight into the medical school experience and their volunteer opportunities. The events included a Kaplan Medical School panel and guest speaker Dr. William Chester, founder of the Paul Chester Children's Hope Foundation.

In the spring, the organization also held its second

Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser for the Paul Chester Children's Hope Foundation. AED increased its presence on campus by collaborating with other student groups on the show.

"AED promotes cooperation not competition among premedical students, which is why I believe so strongly in its values," said President Huma Chaudhry. "Ultimately, my favorite part of AED has been working with intelligent and creative GW students to create a social network that increases a passion for medicine."

Le Culte du Moi

Spread a passion for creative writing on campus

By Maria Cheung



Le Culte du Moi was a literary magazine that published quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry works by Colonials. Its editors hoped to expand GW's enjoyment and recognition of creative writing.

Le Culte featured the works of both professors and students in every form from Dada-esque poetry to traditional sonnets. The magazine, which was printed every semester, was founded in the fall of 2002 by a group of students who were dissatisfied with the lackluster literary scene on campus.

The board of editors also held readings and "open mic nights" to promote the magazine and encourage more students to write creatively. In the spring semester, the board also hosted a "Winter Issue Launch Party," in which attendees received a copy of the magazine, shared their writing, and enjoyed French food.

"We provoked, informed and interviewed people," said Editor Sonja Vitow. "We tested the boundaries of literature, explored different languages and struggled. We learned more than we intended and we shared what we learned with the GW community."

Project HEALTH Fought to secure health care for impoverished communities

By Maria Cheung

Project HEALTH mobilized Colonials to break the link between poverty and poor health. Members truly aimed to shape a new vision for health care in America.

Through their two programs, "STRIVE" and the "Family Help Desk," members worked in clinics connecting low-income families to the critical social resources they needed for a healthy lifestyle. As a result, Project HEALTH had an enormous impact on the greater D.C. community.

The organization capitalized on the unique energy and talent of GW students to make a difference, while inspiring the next generation of leaders committed to tackling this country's greatest health challenges. Project HEALTH student volunteers had the unique experience of looking at poverty directly, and doing something tangible to address its dangers.



"By uniting with other students under a common vision, I have become most inspired and feel that I truly can make a difference," said Campus Coordinator Sarah Jane Reed. "It is so rewarding to be able to work with other students to find support and solutions for D.C. residents that are falling through the gaping holes of America's health care system."

GW Vets

Helped veterans adjust to life as civilian Colonials

By Maria Cheung

GW Vets promoted campus-wide awareness of veterans' needs and the social issues they coped with upon returning to civilian life. The organization worked to help veterans succeed in college and allowed them feel a part of the student body.

The group was founded in September 2008 and quickly grew to become one of the most active organizations on campus. Because members all shared a unique and special sense of belonging, they forged strong friendships.

In addition to holding events such as "Ask a Vet," where members were asked questions about life in and outside of war, and a Memorial Day barbecue in Kogan Plaza, the GW Vets also instituted the Yellow Ribbon Program. The

program allowed veterans to come to GW with some financial support from the school and the Veterans Administration.

"The GW Vets has allowed us to become an active part of the student body, which was previously difficult," said President Wade Spann. "It has been an outstanding opportunity to get to know other students on campus and has also provided further support for those returning from combat and readjusting to civilian life.'



Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority Encouraged women to pursue careers in international relations

By Maria Cheung



opportunities and offered advising services to their fellow sisters.

The Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority was a professional sorority dedicated to promoting women in international affairs. The Eta Chapter of DPE aimed to foster leadership and intellectual growth through interaction, constructive support and interdependency.

The sisters possessed diverse backgrounds, interests and goals. Though many sisters wished to have careers in Foreign Service, some pursued futures in banking, education, consulting, journalism and law.

DPE sisters shared their ideas and experiences with each other in order to understand and stimulate their different, yet great, minds. They participated in community service, explored different cultures, attended seminars and lectures, discussed international issues, provided a database of internship

"I love that I can increase my knowledge about other regions I don't study," said Secretary Janelle Moser. "I study the Middle East and Arabic, and often find my knowledge of Africa, Asia and Latin America to be lacking. Through formal professional events and informal interactions, both the other sisters and I learn about other regions we otherwise would not have studied."

Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity Nurtured a brotherhood united by a love of Foreign Service

By Maria Cheung



The Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity promoted good fellowship among young men studying or engaged in Foreign Service. The Eta chapter of DPE allowed members to take advantage of GW's location and enriched the University's educational atmosphere by providing students with a crucial link to the real

The brothers hosted numerous public events on pressing issues in international affairs and worked closely with the GW Vets. DPE's events allowed brothers and other GW students to intellectually interact with the leaders of Foreign Service they read about in textbooks.

After returning to campus in 2005, DPE attracted some of the best students GW had to offer. Brothers were active not only within the fraternity but in campus life, as well as business, government and non-profit work around D.C.

"My favorite part of being involved with DPE is the diversity of membership and the friendships that I have gained through it," said Secretary Kevin Devaney. "While the brotherhood is united by a common interest in international affairs, we all come from very different places and backgrounds. Some of my best friends are people I wouldn't have otherwise met if it weren't for DPE."

Sons of Pitch

Promoted the diversity of musical interests on campus

By Maria Cheung

The Sons of Pitch was founded in 2002 with the desire to be different from other male a cappella groups, in that their repertoire was not solely pop music. Members performed classical pieces, barbershop, doo-wop, classic rock, classical, oldies, rap, pop, rock and many other types of music

The group aimed to continue to attract talented new members and to perform an amazing spring benefit concert. This year, there were five very gifted new members that greatly helped expand the Sons of Pitch fan base.

Their third annual "United States of A Cappella Benefit Concert" raised almost \$1000 for the Alzheimer's Association. In past years, the benefits of Sons of Pitch concerts went to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Scleroderma Foundation. The concert brought in guest

groups from across the east coast, which further helped SOPs growth and recognition in collegiate a cappella.



"At the end of the day we're a reminder to GW that these are the best years of your life, that you should have a little fun while you're here," said founder Philip Sherman. "My favorite part of being in SOP is going on road trips to other schools. It's always fun to meet and hang out with people who love to sing at other schools, and group bonding is always strong on these trips."

NROTC

Educated and trained future naval and marine officers By Shannon Matloob and Maria Cheung

The GW Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps aimed to prepare its members for their next step in life and the various transitions in the program. Each ROTC class worked to achieve its own goals: seniors aimed to be commissioned officers, juniors to lead the battalion, sophomores to be upperclassmen, and freshmen to mentor the incoming class.

"Four years of duty as a Midshipmen taught me to be a leader," said Battalion Commanding Officer Elliott Simpson. "It was demanding, but was it worth it? Without a doubt!"

For the students that were a part of ROTC, the program instilled a sense of discipline. It was a challenge for many ROTC members to learn how to balance college life with the commitments required by the program.



"My favorite part of being a leader in the ROTC program is basically everything," said Battalion Commanding Officer Jessie Phenning. "I love my job. I don't think I could specify even if I had to. I just think it is fun! Being a senior, I've learned a lot and I feel like I get to put it into play this semester more than ever. I'm 22 years old, and I get to lead 140 people for four months. Call me strange, but I think that's pretty sweet."



The 24th Annual Excellence Hwards

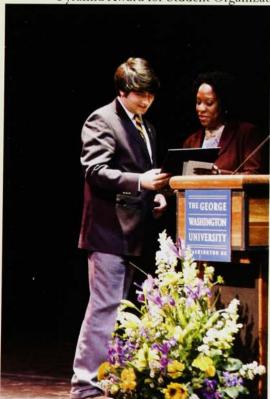
Celebrated student life on campus

By Maria Cheung

The 24th Annual Excellence Awards recognized student leaders and organizations that greatly contributed to GW student life. The night began with a show at Lisner Auditorium, which featured the presentation of awards hosted by emcees Matt Ackermann, Joe Buono, Andrea Criollo and Khaula Malik. Afterwards attendees headed over to the Marvin Center's Columbian Square for dessert, refreshments and mingling.

Award Winners

- The Class of 2005 9/11 Memorial Scholarship: Andrew Metcalfe
- Learning Through Action Award: Capitol Advertising
- Marc A. Zambetti Award: Andre Flores
- Gradlife Award For Individual Excellence: Rohit Sharma
- The Outstanding Service Award: Supriya Shah and Human Services 152: Bridge Project
- Colonial Challenge Individual and Team Awards: GW Women's Club Rugby and Jack Newman
- Multicultural Student Services Center Excellence in Diversity Award: REMIX and the Black Student Union
- Walter G. Bryte, Jr. Award: Revolution Green, LLC
- House Staff Member of the Year: Mari Inoue
- House Leader of the Year: Brett Troisi
- Mount Vernon Award: Christine French
- University Pride Award: Nicholas Sampogna
- Spotlight of the Year Award: Multicultural Greek Council
- Joint Committee of Faculty and Students Scholarship for Student Leadership Development: Dan Curran, Angelica Harris, Christine
- French, Amanda Dick and Laura Maas
- Student Employee of the Year Award: David Anderson
- Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Cooperative Education Student of the Year: Juan Andres Arreaza Torres
- Program Board Event of the Year: Battle of the A Cappella Groups
- Eco Challenge Awards: 1959 E Street and Building JJ
- Spark A Life Award: Caroline Smith, Andrew Sonn and Ashley Venneman
- Manatt-Trachtenberg Prize: Chris Diaz
- Students' Choice for Performance Group of the Year: Capital Funk
- The Baer Award for Individual Excellence: Corey Barenbrugge, Dan Bernstein, Andrea Criollo, Maniko Saikawa and Natalie Kaplan
- Pyramid Award for Student Organization of the Year: Cade Peer Education, College Democrats and GW Students for Fair Trade



Senior David Anderson accepts his award from Marva Gumbs Jennings. He won Student Employee of the Year for his job as Senior Class Gift Committee Coordinator.



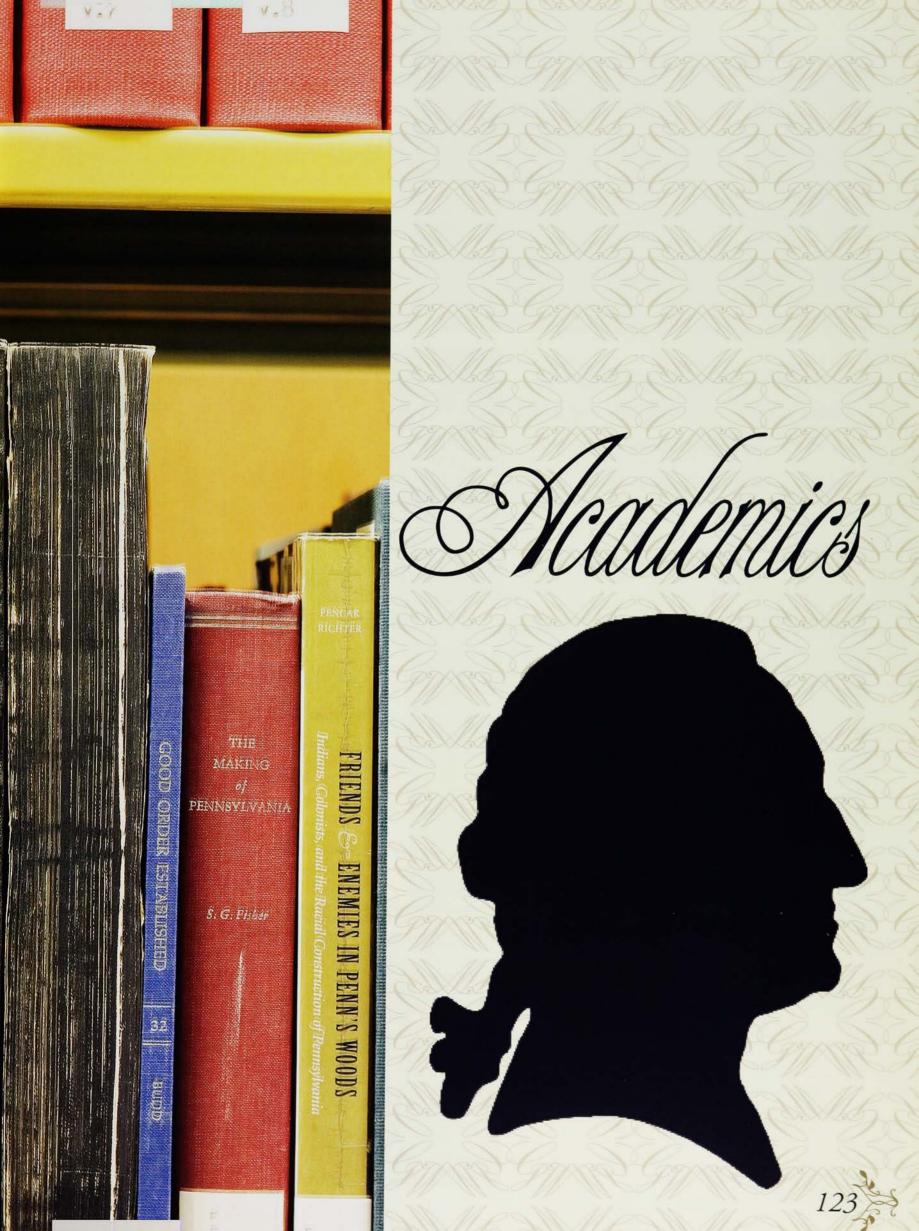
Student Association President-elect Julie Bindleglass presents the Pyramid Award for Student Organization of the Year. The award went to Cade Peer Education, College Democrats and GW Students for Fair Trade.



Senior Emma Cosgrove, director of the GW Pitches, sings lead at the awards. The GW Pitches were nominated for Performance Group of the Year.

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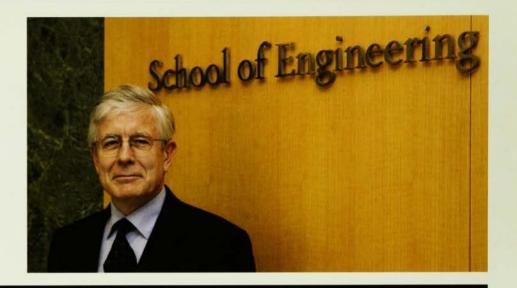
Dolores Stafford Chief, University Police

"This year, I enjoyed being involved in the GPS program and getting to know the five students who were assigned to me. I hope that they found the interaction between us to be as valuable as I did."

DAVID DOLLING

Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Science

"This year, as the new Dean, I enjoyed learning about the accomplishments of our students, faculty and alumni,"





ROBERT SNYDER

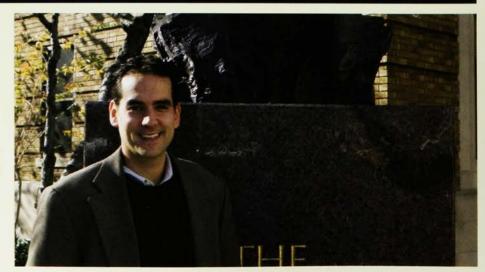
Senior Adviser to the Dean of Freshmen and Managing Director of Mount Vernon Campus Life and Marketing

"This year at GW, I am (again) reminded of why our University and our city are ALWAYS such exciting and invigorating places to be!"

ANDREW SONN

Director, SASS Customer Service Initiatives

"This year, I enjoyed watching members of the GW community, no matter their partisan stripe, be energized and engaged by a presidential election in the nation's capital at an institution located only four blocks away from the Oval Office."

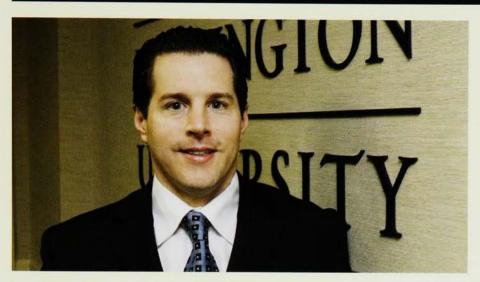




SETH WEINSHEL Director, GW Housing Programs

"As I look back on GW this year, I will remember what a historic year it was on campus with President Knapp and in Washington D.C. with the election of Obama."





PETER KONWERSKI

Associate Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, SASS

"This year was a unique time to live, study, work and serve in Washington, D.C. as monumental change was upon us economically, politically, socially and culturally."

SUSAN PHILLIPS Dean, GW School of Business

"This year at GW, I am so pleased to see GWSB students undertake so many new activities and participate fully in the life of GW."





ADRIENNE RULNICK

Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Development

"As I look back on my first year at GW, I am so gratified by the support of President Knapp for creating a lifetime connection with our alumni and by the enthusiastic response of GW graduates to his vision."





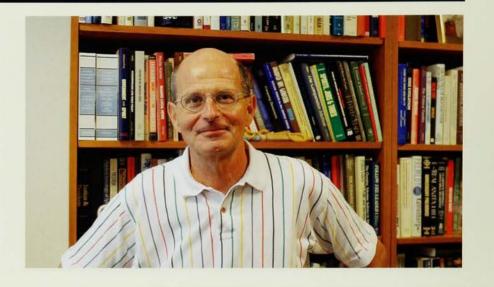
JACK SIGGINS University Librarian

"This year at GW was one of great satisfaction for the Library, which succeeded in both expanding services and obtaining major research collections for faculty and students."

LEE SIGELMAN

Interim Director Undergraduate Honors, Fellowships and Research

"This year at GW I had the opportunity to be in the honors program just like my mother always wanted."





MICHAEL BROWN

Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs

"We are pleased and proud that our Elliott School identity has become so well-known and well-regarded in such a short period of time. Thanks to the members of the Elliott School community, we are educating the next generation of leaders, illuminating the challenges of the 21st century, and making our world a better place."

MARVA GUMBS-JENNINGS

Executive Director, Career Center

"This year, I enjoyed the opportunity to work even more closely with students, staff and faculty on plans and activities to take

GW from great to outstanding as a place to go
to school and to work."





MATTHEW TRAINUM

Director, GW Housing Programs, Employment

"This year, I will not forget being outside the White House at midnight on Election Day, watching throngs of GW students celebrate the change they worked so hard to create."





BRIAN HAMLUK

Director, Guide to Personal Success Program

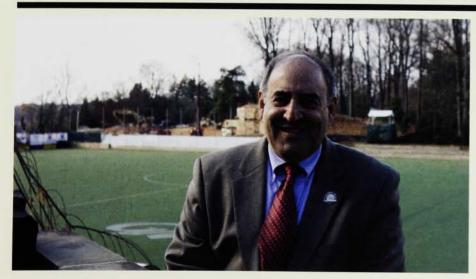
"As I look back on The George Washington University in 2008, I marvel at the energy, passion, involvement, and leadership GW students and alumni demonstrated throughout the Presidential campaign."

DONALD LEHMAN

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

"When I look back at GW this year, I see a great university in transition to becoming an even stronger academic institution in research and scholarship as well as forefront education for its undergraduate and graduate students."





FREDERIC SIEGEL

Associate Vice President of SASS and Dean of Freshmen

"This year I enjoyed Yoni Berhanu's overtime goal, my great GPS students, and listening to stories about the evening of November 4..."



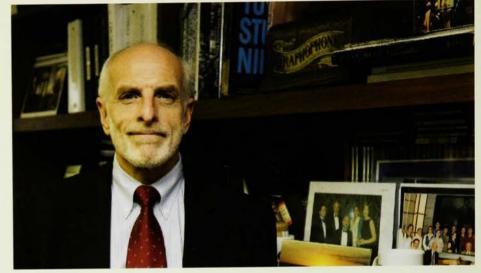
DEAN HARWOOD Director of Greek Life

"When I look back at GW this year, I see Greek Life reaching the tipping point as an integral part of GW."

MICHAEL FREEDMAN

Director of the Global Media
Institute

"When I look back at GW this year, I see a university in the center of history — offering our students hope, opportunity, and a sense of pride in America and all that we can be."



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KATHRYN NAPPER

Executive Dean for Undergraduate Admissions

"As I look back on the past year, I am reminded once again on just how engaged GW students are in the world around them."

MICHAEL AKIN

Executive Director, Government and Community Relations

"When I look back at GW this year. I take pride in being part of a university that continues to deepen its commitment to being in and of Washington, D.C."





MICHAEL L. BROWN

Director, Marvin Center Operations

"This year, I enjoyed every working moment!"



BUTHAINA SHUKRI Director, Employer Partnerships

"This year, I enjoyed working in D.C. and watching as much anticipated history-in-the-making unfolded before us at GW."

MARY JO WARNER

Senior Associate Director of Athletics

"This year at GW was a time of dynamic and historic change with Inauguration events in and around the University."





ANNE SCAMMON

Director, Career Learning and Experience

This year, I enjoyed learning about the student/staff effort to create a float for the Obama Inaugural Parade and then seeing the completed float on Inauguration Day!"





MICHAEL TAPSCOTT Director, Multicultural Student

Services Center

"As I look back at GW this year, I remember the passion, conviction, and energy of our students as our nation struggled with the greatest racial struggle since the civil rights era...our most public diversity workshop called the Presidential Campaign of 2008."

JOSEF REUM

Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

"This year at GW demonstrates why students, faculty, staff, and family are here, and here now. Nowhere in the world will have the sort of energy, hope, promise, honest evaluation, respectful conflict, or transformational feel than on our campuses and in our classrooms. Truly this is the only place to be!"



REBECCA SAWYER

Senior Assistant Dean of Students for GW Housing Programs

"When I think of GW, I see a community with amazing students, faculty and staff who will positively impact the future, not only of GW, but of the city, nation, and the world."

TARA PEREIRA

Assistant Dean of Students, Student Judicial Services and Off-Campus Student Affairs

"As I look back on the last year at GW, I am reminded of how amazing GW students are."

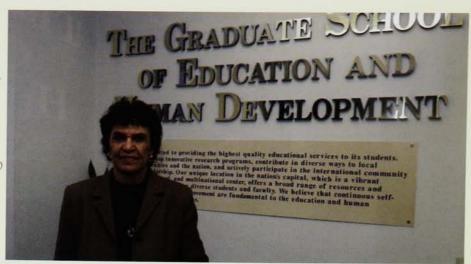




MARY FUTRELL

Dean, Graduate School of Education and Human Development

"This year at GW, we continued our successful partnerships with communities throughout the Metropolitan Washington, DC area to strengthen education and human services."





BRIAN VICTOR Senior Associate Dean of Students

This year at GW was especially interesting because of students' participation in the presidential election and Inauguration."

LAUREL PRICE-JONES

Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

"GW has been at the heart of so many events in this remarkable year, making it a great place to work and to be in the business we're in – cultivating new friends for the University."





Lou KATZ

Executive Vice President and Treasurer

"When I think of GW, I think of our students and how to continue to improve their GW experience, from helping to fund the Inaugural float to improving services via Colonial Central."



ED SCHONFELD

Senior Associate Vice President for Administration

"This year at GW was a year of great accomplishment. I'm proud of be a part of it in a small way."

Isabel Goldenberg

Director, Student Health Service

"This year at GW, I enjoyed meeting interesting, enthusiastic students and working with great colleagues."



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HELEN CANNADAY SAULNY

Assistant Vice President of SASS

"When I look back on this year at GW, I will remember all of the amazing events, productions and activities our students developed and implemented to enhance the educational and life-long learning experiences of our community!"

TIM MILLER

Executive Director, Student Activities Center

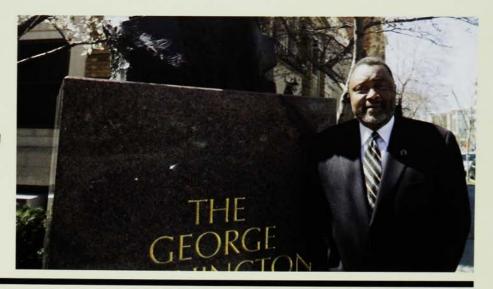
"As I look back on this year, I think of GW's role in the world community and I am proud of the difference our students make every day."





RODNEY JOHNSON Director of Parent Services

""This year, I enjoyed seeing the energy and passion of GW students- debating, campaigning, and most importantly voting in a historic election!."





AUBRE JONES Director, Campus Recreation

"The student you meet at GW today may one day become the President of the United States!"

NANCY HAAGA

Managing Director, Campus Support Services

"This year at GW was a time of dynamic and historic change with Inauguration events in and around the University."





CHRISTY WILLIS

Director, Disability Support Services

"This year, I enjoyed the cross-campus collaboration aimed at fostering success for our next generation of student veterans and promoting a culture of inclusion."





BETH NOLAN

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

"When I look back on this year at GW, I recall the image of our students on a GW float in the Presidential Inaugural Parade—and all the GW spirit, imagination, collaboration, and determination that got us to that moment.."

DANIEL SMALL

Executive Director of Financial Aid, SASS

"This year at GW, I was impressed with the variety of students involved in numerous activities throughout the year. It was exciting to be a part of the GW community!"



GREG LEONARD

Director, International Services Office

"This year at GW was exciting. The national elections, inauguration, and beginning of a new administration made sure of that!"

MARGUERITE BARRATT

Dean of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

"As I look back on this year at GW, I am so very proud of the accomplishments of our students, including those who have presented their own work at professional scholarly meetings."





DEBORAH SNELGROVE

Senior Executive Director and Chief Creative Officer for SASS

"This past year at GW was very special to me in that it marked my 20th year in service to GW students and families."





RAINA LENNEY

Senior Director for Alumni Relations

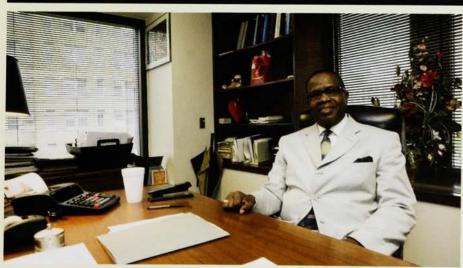
"This year at GW was filled with opportunity, as we have new leadership in many areas. I am glad to be a part of this exciting time at GW."

TAINA CHRISTNER

Director of Student Services, Colonial Central

"This year at GW, as always, I am impressed by the quality, passion, and commitment of our GW students."

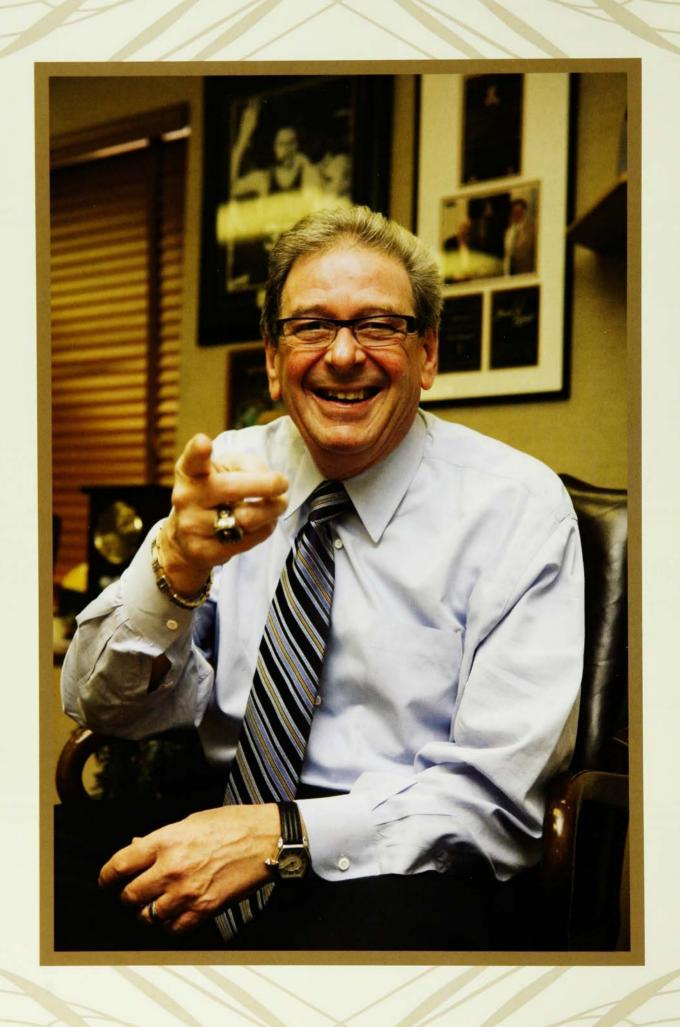




JOHNNIE OSBORNE

Associate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of SASS

"What a year. It becomes harder and harder to find funds to support the new programs, such as the Guide to Personal Success. But when you hear the feedback from the students on its success....you know finding the funds was worthwhile."



HMan of Tradition

Senior Vice President Chernak reflects on GW culture and citizenship

By Nikki Rappaport

While Senior Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs Robert A. Chernak was awed by the Presidential Inauguration, he was even more impressed with how GW students were involved this year.

"It's sort of a tradition that GW students are involved in campaigns, involved in a lot of ways such as internships in government service, but the thing about this year that was special was that so many GW students got involved in this particular presidential campaign. And the fact that they were able to celebrate not just with the traditional inaugural ball, but the float. That was really the icing on the cake."

Even more impressive, he thought, was that the float was really a student initiative. "The idea was really from [Student Association President] Vishal Aswani and members of the SA and then all of the students who came back over break to work on the float. To eventually have the float accepted in the parade and then having the chance to be in the parade walking in front of it, was really a once in a lifetime feeling."

But Chernak did not want the inauguration to overshadow everything else that happened on campus this year. "The activity around campus is so overwhelming. You can look at community service as one example, and it is amazing the number of students who give their time for the benefit of others. It's a real ingrained part of the culture of the University. Maybe you wouldn't think of it as a tradition, but the lifestyle of students here is really very special. It's not that way at a lot of universities."

Chernak also noted how students are involved in all areas of campus life including the arts and Greek life "It isn't like GW students are only focused on political tie-ins, or international affairs or business. They really have a wide range of interests that I think is an emerging trend."

Active involvement in University activities is what Chernak believed makes GW students special. "What characterizes GW students is a very, very strong motivation to succeed. That sense of success in where people want to end up in life is really characteristic of GW students. 20 years ago when I first came here, when you asked students what they wanted to do, they had very unclear expectations. Now, it's, 'I expect to be the senator from my state or I expect to be the editor of a newspaper.' The career ambitions are so different now and I think its really illustrative of what drives GW students."

Despite undergraduates' already active involvement on campus, Chernak wanted to further instill a tradition of spirit at GW. "I'd like students to really understand that a sense of spirit and a sense of community transcends beyond what happens in athletic competition. The fact that our students are involved in so many aspects of campus life - student organizations, student government, student newspaper, community service, Greek life - that is spirit as well and that's a real sense of affiliation that develops with GW."

Chernak believed that GW graduates would succeed despite the poor economy this year. "Because of that pragmatic set of experiences that students have at a place like GW, I think that GW students are really well prepared to enter the world at large and be able to handle themselves." And even in adversity, Chernak was hopeful for opportunities for GW graduates. "I hope that our students think about things in ways that allow for flexibility in their choice of what they can do. It might not be their number one ambition in terms of what's available to them, but in this kind of economic climate make the best of it and hope that things stabilize."

As the class of 2009 becomes GW alumni, Chernak hopes that they continued to stay driven and feel connected to the University. "I would hope that students, as they move forward and become alumni, they will really think back in terms of their pride and affiliation that they had with GW; think about what the opportunities they experienced at this school and what they really mean to them over a period of a lifetime."

An Impressive Year

President Knapp celebrated the Inauguration and graduates' outstanding qualities

By Nikki Rappaport

This year President Steven Knapp had to make way for a new president in Washington D.C. The election and Inauguration of President Obama was not only historical, but it made an impact on GW's campus and students.

As the now veteran President in the District, and two years under his belt, President Knapp reflected on the events and traditions that made 2009 a remarkable year for GW and its graduates.

Knapp was most proud of GW's involvement in the Presidential Inauguration this year and "the fact that we got through the whole Inaugural week without any real problems on our campus. Everything, from the way we were organized, the way students pulled together in a two-week period to build the float, and all the enthusiasm that was generated by the whole episode."

Knapp, like most Colonials celebrated the successful inauguration at GW's own Inaugural Ball. "It was an exciting culmination of an exciting few days and extraordinary experiences here on campus, which of course included another new tradition on campus, even though it last happened 160 years ago, in having our own float in the inaugural parade. We'd love to do that every four years. Maybe that will become a new tradition."

This year President Knapp also moved into a new house in Washington. He and his wife moved on to campus into the F Street House. With the inauguration, he had the opportunity to host several prestigious events.

"The night before the inauguration we hosted the Congressional Black Caucus reception. And on the day of the inauguration we hosted the traditional luncheon around Ulysses S. Grant's table for the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the period between the swearing in ceremony and the inaugural parade. It was a real sign of what it means to be here in the nations capital."

In addition to the presidential inauguration, President Knapp participated in many other University traditions this year. Knapp celebrated George Washington's birthday with the University community for the first time. "Because of the weather we had to have it inside in the Marvin Center, but it went pretty well. We had the Drum and the fife core. We had the pie-eating contest. That was something I was excited to participate in for the first time this year." Other traditions President Knapp was very proud of in 2009 were Freshman Convocation and Colonial Inauguration. "And Earth day is very important to our student body; sustainability is such a critical issue here."

With such passions like sustainability, Knapp was most impressed by the quality of GW students and their dedication to service. With many graduates going into the Peace Corps and Teach for America, Knapp was certain of the values and knowledge students gain at GW. "Not that every student is going to go into a volunteer organization or a public service career but I think our students get exposed to the values of citizenship here and they do have an opportunity to think about broader global and national issues here," said Knapp. "I hope when [seniors] go into the work place, whatever line of work they go into: musicians, physicians, lawyers or teachers, whatever they do that they will carry with them that broader perspective that they've gained because they've come from a University that has our unique location, our unique history, and our unique founder in George Washington and that will become part of what they carry with them."

Even through the difficult economic struggles this year, Knapp believed GW graduates have the experience to succeed. He hoped graduates "have the equipment to be able to do that and have that flexibility because of what they were exposed to in the exciting city at a very historical moment, which is a moment of change and transition. There is crisis, but that in itself can become an experience in looking for opportunities that are not just a result of where you've always been placed in life."

Knapp wanted GW graduates to know they are Colonials for life and he is passionate about the tradition of alumni coming back to visit campus. "Keep us in mind as a place to come back to. I hope [graduates] always see us as their home here in Washington." And while GW graduates prepared to venture out in the world, Knapp would like them to take with them a "broader perspective, interest in public issues, cosmopolitanism, sophistication, openness to new ideas, and a mature interest in broader issues."





ANTHROPOLOGY

Catherine Allen Robin Bernstein Jeffrey Blomster Alison Brook Linda Brown Eric Cline Pamela Cressey Alexander Dent John Donaldson Ilana Feldman David Gow Candace Green R. Richard Grinker Shelly Habecker Susan Johnston Patty Kelly Joel Kuipers Stephen Lubkemann Peter Lucas Kathryn Mathers Barbara Miller Kimberly Mills Kannan Nambia Brian Richmond Eric Ross Robert Shepherd Chet Sherwood Daniel Thulman Douglas Ubelaker John Vlach Bernard Wood



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DoGirls HaveFun?

Professor Todd Ramlow plunged into the depths of gender, feminism, and pop culture

By Yekaterina Reyzis

What do women want? The question has troubled humankind since the beginning of time. Although the answer remains a mystery, Women's Studies Professor Todd Ramlow offered some insight into the female mind.

"What drew me to the Women's Studies program was the realm of my own intellectual work, which involved queer theory, sexual rights and social justice," he said.

Hailing from the University of Wisconsin with an undergraduate degree in International Affairs, Ramlow developed an interest in Women's Studies when many of his foreign relations and political science courses stressed feminism theories and women's issues. Deeming Washington D.C. as the perfect place to combine the two interests, Ramlow pursued a master's degree and a Ph.D. at The George Washington University. In 2001, he joined the faculty as an adjunct professor and began teaching an undergraduate course, Gendered Bodies, which examined the role of gender in modern society, along with a few graduate seminars on global feminism and contemporary feminist theory. Eight years later, he insisted that the engagement and curiosity of his students kept him coming back to teach each year.

"In Professor Ramlow's class no subject was taboo..."

"I think I'm really lucky that the undergraduate students I teach are really engaged in the topic and open to thinking in deeper and more critical ways, even if they don't expect they are at the beginning of the semester," he said.



Professor Todd Ramlow enjoys a class discussion in Gendered Bodies. Ramlow has been a professor in the Women's Studies Program since 2001.

Reflecting on his experience, Ramlow claimed that critical thinking, analytical engagement, and inquisitiveness were vital tools for a successful Women's Studies student. At the end of the course, he hoped students would walk away with a comprehensive understanding of how the issues he taught in class related to current events and had global consequences.

"In Professor Ramlow's class no subject was taboo, whether it was talking about the latest pop song or a controversial political debate, he always managed to keep class discussion buzzing and thought-provoking," said senior Gia Gulotta.

From discussing the deeper implications of the newest television show to analyzing the philosophical foundations of human rights, Ramlow's broad, distinctive perspective revolutionized the field of Women's Studies at GW. While the world may never know what women want, anyone who dared to explore the possibilities found a class with Professor Ramlow the perfect place.

"I try to get students to think more critically about the world and the ways in which the issues we talk about in class have very direct and global consequences."



Hungry Politics? Take a Bite.

International Affairs Professor Merve Kavakci provided an insider's perspective to the Turkish Parliament

By Yekaterina Reyzis

GW's central location in the heart of the nation's capital made politics unavoidable for the majority of the student body. In fact, most GW students probably witnessed politicians on Capitol Hill, speaking at campus events, or gallivanting around the district. However, not everyone could say they have met a former Turkish parliamentarian face to face. That is, of course, unless you were a student of International Affairs Professor Merve Kavakci.

"I think everybody can make a difference and change the world." "I was a born politician!" said Kavakci. "Once a politician, always a politician."

In 1999, the Turkish Parliament allowed women to run for higher office. Of the three women elected to Parliament that year, Kavakci was the only religious Muslim. Due to her headscarf and religious views, she was physically obstructed from taking her oath of office by secular Turkish fundamentalists. The Prime Minister even stripped her of her citizenship as punishment for causing disorder and "instigating hatred" in the Parliament with her headscarf.

That same year, Kavakci returned to the United States and pursued her passion for political

science. After spending a year as a fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, she even-

tually arrived in "the second best place after Ankara politics," Washington, D.C. Kavakci began teaching at GW in 2004. She taught Islam and Its Challenges in the 21st Century and Political Islam as well as several graduate seminars geared toward analyzing Turkish politics.

"I tried to help them [my students] think critically outside the box and engage them in dialogue and discussion so they are able to see the perspective of Middle East politics," Kavakci said.

In addition to her teaching post with The George Washington University, Kavakci continued to speak on behalf of the religious Turkish women who need a voice. She maintained contact with her loyal Turkish constituents through a part-time column in a daily Turkish newspaper called Vakit and was planned to publish a book in Turkish. She took great pride in her role of shaping a historic event in Turkish history and enjoyed sharing her unique experience with GW students.

"I am very content being a member of the GW community," she said.

Despite the hardships she endured during her tumultuous political tenure, Kavakci had no regrets.

"I think everybody can make a difference and change the world," she said. "Once a politician, always a politician."

Although GW's academic table offered a taste of myriad ethnic, cultural, and political backgrounds, Kavakci's classes featured Turkey as the main course.



Originally from Ankara, Turkey, Professor Kavakci teaches Islam and Its Challenges in the 21st Century and Political Islam at GW. She began teaching at GW in 2004.

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ANCHORS AWAY, GW

Naval Science 180: History of Amphibious Warfare

By Yekaterina Reyzis

One of the main issues in the 2008 presidential election was the War in Iraq and the impact of American troops' presence abroad. While big-time politicians debated this issue on national news channels, GW students looked for their own solutions in the classroom. It was no surprise that Captain Todd Moulder's class was a hit among students in the Elliott

A former marine infantry officer, Captain Todd Moulder enjoys teaching both civilians and ROTC students at GW. He said the diversity of the class added to the dynamic of the discussion.

School of International Affairs. A former marine infantry officer, Captain Moulder was the ideal resource for students interested in international foreign policy because of his personal experience with its practical application around the world.

"The attendance was great in his class because the students wanted to be there," said senior Nicole Byrd. "He was a very good instructor because he got the students involved, civilians and ROTC alike. His class was very engaging."

CHERRY TREE: Can you give a brief description of the course?

MOULDER: The course was originally an ROTC class that GW included in its program. It explores the basic terms related to amphibious warfare and provides insight into how the Marine Corps will fight in the future.

CT: What kinds of students typically enroll in your course?

M: Today, about 75 percent of my class is civilians and there has been a noticeable growth in that number over the last few years. They bring a different dynamic to the course because their mindsets are so different. However, the original intent of the class was to develop skills of ROTC students, so there are several students from that program as well.



Professor Todd Moulder teaches students the basics of amphibious warfare. He hoped his students will learn how to apply terms to current real world situations.

CT: What is the highlight or main project of your course? M: We analyze about 20 amphibious operations to see trends in the evolution of strategies and policies, from the Battle of Marathon all the way to the Battle of Granada. Students separate into groups and analyze different battles such as the Battles of Vera Cruz, Fort Fisher Island and Gallipoli.

"He was a very good instructor because he got the students involved, civilians and ROTC alike. His class was very engaging."

CT: How does your course apply to the modern world?

M: The fundamentals I teach can apply to anything dealing with warfare. In addition to history, I teach students how to apply terms to current naval operations and real world situations.

CT: What is your favorite part about the course?

M: Engaging with international students and being able to discuss tactical warfare.

CT: Who would be an ideal guest speaker for your course?

M: (Chuckles) Why, can you get him to speak in my class?

CT: Maybe not next class, but we'll do our best.

M: Hands down, General Petraeus.

Lights, Camera, Action

Interior Design 131: Lighting Design

By Yekaterina Reyzis

On any given day, it was important to include more than a notebook and pencil for Professor Erin Speck's Lighting Design course. Measuring tape, rulers, and sketch books were useful tools as her students took on projects such as improving the lighting in a gymnasium exercise room on the Mount Vernon Campus.

Jamie Bromley, Associate Registrar of Graduation & Student Services on the Mount Vernon Campus, said that GW would implement the class' design suggestions if they were financially viable. However, Speck's class was full of innovative ideas, despite the restrictive budget.

"If you only had a pocket full of change, what could you do to this room to make it look drastically better?" asked Speck. Immediately, ten hands shot up with various suggestions, sparking discussion about changing the light bulbs or adjusting wattage to enhance the space.

Professor Speck began teaching Lighting Design at GW in Fall 2001. Her class consisted of both undergraduate and graduate students, all of whom were pursuing careers in interior design. They enjoyed her class because it involved hands-on work, practice and application of design theory.

"It was a very useful class," said senior Lyuba Tartova. "We were exposed to how design works in practice and in the real world."

CHERRY TREE: How does your course apply to the modern world?

SPECK: Especially now, with escalating energy costs, the attention to lighting and energy prices is absolutely critical. I make students aware of sustainable lamps and light fixtures, how to reduce energy consumption by re-lamping, and the new, environmentally friendly technology that is available today.

CT: What do you enjoy most about teaching this course?

S: I enjoy the drama that lighting creates in a space. I also love making my students aware that the best lighting isn't noticed. It's so neat to open their eyes to new projects and designs because there's so much more to lighting than they've seen growing up. This is one program where students are not afraid to get their hands dirty; it's very rigorous.

Professor Erin Speck's Lighting Design students engage in much more than studying textbooks and theory. They took matters into their own hands and applied their knowledge to renovate the exercise room on the Mount Vernon campus.

CT: What is the highlight or main project of your course?

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you can imagine to study

S: All of my students are required to physically build a lamp based on a theme I provide. In the past, I've chosen TV movies and famous authors and actors, but this year's theme was presidents, to highlight the election. The projects are then judged by members of the Illuminating Engineering Society and many of my students have even been published in magazines and received awards. I only have a few criteria for the lamps: they can't catch fire, knock out the power in the room or electrocute another student. Other than that, anything goes!

CT: Where do you see this program in five or ten years? S: My ultimate goal for the program is to auction off my students' projects at a black tie fundraiser event, but that's just a thought for now.

CT: Who would be an ideal guest speaker for your course?

S: Ingo Maurer, a contemporary German designer. I love his exhibits.

CT: Any last thoughts on your Lighting Design course? S: We are very lucky to be in the nation's capital. This is the best institution you can imagine to study interior design.

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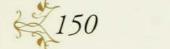


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By Yekaterina Reyzis

Reyzis lands and peoples of GW with those of the world

How many undergraduates were on a first name basis with their professors? If any, they were few and far between. The only exceptions to this norm were the students of Anthropology Professor Barbara Miller, who were encouraged to shout "Hey Babs!" anytime they saw her on the street.



"I get a thrill every time I hear a 'Hey Babs!" she admitted.

Miller's interest in anthropology developed at a very young age when her parents bought her a set of books titled Lands and Peoples, an encyclopedia series that depicted various cultures in all regions of the world. She expanded on her interest at Syracuse University, where she completed her undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral studies and specialized in the South Asian region. Finally, in 1993, Miller arrived at GW to teach cultural and medical anthropology. She emphasized how GW allowed her to make anthropology more applicable to students and show them how the fields of international affairs and development studies were combined in policy and practice.

"I get the best of both worlds – International Affairs and Development combined with Anthropology," Miller said.

In the next five to ten years, Miller hoped to bring together scholars to bridge the health world with the Elliott school and anthropology "I think I've got the best job in the world."

in the middle. She expected to create a new course, or maybe even a new major, that allowed such a combination for students in all three departments.

"GW is the center of my life," she said. "My students keep me going and enthusiastic everyday."

Just like her students, Miller carried her books about lands and peoples with her everywhere she went.

"I think I've got the best job in the world," she said.

Anthropology Professor Barbara Miller's interest in her field developed at a very young age when her parents bought her a set of books titled "Lands and Peoples." She has loved anthropology ever since!

"I get a thrill every time I hear a 'Hey Babs!'"



Professor Barbara Miller began teaching at GW in 1993. Since then, she has heard "Hey Babs!" from former students in international airports, on the street, and all around the GW campus!

Happiness-Buddhism Professor Lois Peak showed students Satisfaction under any circumstances.

By Yekaterina Reyzis

It was no secret that the hectic lifestyle of a typical GW student did not leave much room to breathe. Between a full course load, a job or an internship, and nightly student organization meetings, it was hard enough to squeeze in that lunch date at J Street with your freshman year roommate let alone find the time to relax and redeem your inner happiness. Thankfully, Buddhism Professor Lois Peak had some extremely helpful suggestions.

"Buddhism is basically the science of happiness," Peak said. "It explores the mind and the nature of emotion with contemplative approaches to help you become a happier person."

Buddhism is the path originally taught by the Buddha, who lived in India approximately 2,500 years ago. He was shocked by the suffering in the world and sought to overcome it through good works, merit and wisdom

"I've had a very interesting life."

to attain perfect enlightenment and compassion. Peak claimed that the Buddha's teachings still apply to the modern world.

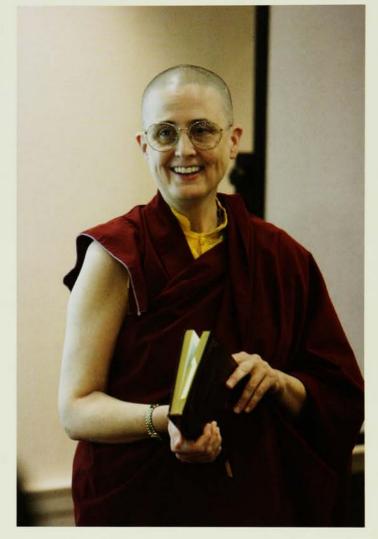
"People have not changed in their minds - the specifics may have changed but Buddha's techniques are still relevant today," she said.

Peak's interest in Buddhism developed after she spent time in Asia. She later completed her doctorate at Harvard University, where she was intrigued by the sophistication and logic of Buddhist studies. In 1987, she became a nun.

"I've had a very interesting life," she said.

Peak also worked for the U.S. Department of Education as a statistician and research director, where she studied comparative education systems around the world. She left the government in 2005 to teach at GW, and admitted that she enjoyed learning from her students just as much as she did teaching them.

"I think all students are good students," she said. "Every person has something genuine in them that I can learn from and respect," she said.



With a Doctorate degree from Harvard University, Buddhism Professor Lois Peak has been a nun since 1987. She has been teaching at GW since 2005.



Professor Lois Peak believes all undergraduates are good people. She made her class apply to all students, even those who were not Buddhist.

As for the future, Peak's plans were very straightforward.

"I want to help my students develop as people and as scholars – first as people, of course, then, as scholars," she said.

"Even if you are not Buddhist, it is very interesting to study Buddhism," she added.

While true happiness is indeed hard to find, it was certainly worth a shot to take a class with Professor Peak.

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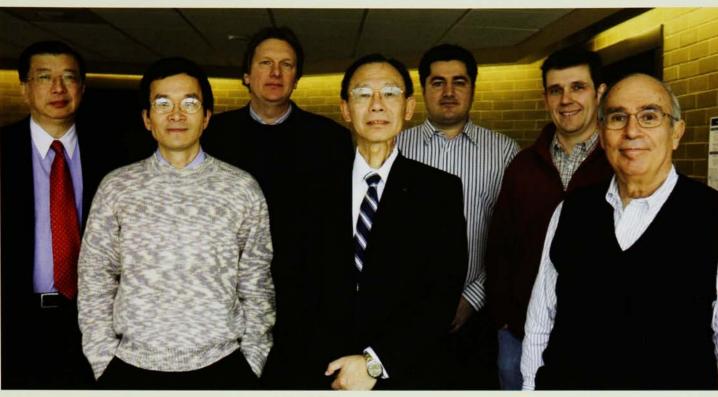


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Sword of a Big Deal EXSA 021: Foil Fencing

By Yekaterina Reyzis

Some say the pen is mightier than the sword, but Foil Fencing Professor Jason Chambers offered a different perspective. Chambers began fencing as a child and continued his love for the sport throughout his life. Since 2003, he has been teaching GW students the rules and strategies of foil fencing, as well as footwork drills, history of fencing, fencing with disabilities, competitive fencing and famous fencers.

CHERRY TREE: Can you give some background on foil fencing?

JASON CHAMBERS: Fencing is a sport that uses three different types of weapons, or swords: foil, sabre and epee. The goal of foil fencing is to hit your opponent with the tip of the foil using a thrusting arm motion and usually a fast, strong lunge of the legs. The torso is the only valid target area; the head, arms, and legs are off target. The two fencers will move up and down the field of play, called the strip, until one fencer identifies an opening and attacks the opponent. The opponent attempts to defend with a parry and return with a valid hit. The action between two fencer's is very fast paced,

Professor Jason Chambers emphasizes perseverance and teamwork in his classes. He has been teaching GW students the art of foil fencing since 2003.

similar to the exchange between two feners. Upon every touch, the referee will stop the fencers, describe the action and award a point. A match between two fencers is usually the first to five points.

CT: What do you hope your students gain at the end of the course?

JC: I hope that they enjoy the sport and consider joining the GW fencing club and continue as an adult. Ideally, I would like for them to expose their future children to the sport; building the US's participation both nationally and internationally. Part of this is to increase NCAA participation by universities and colleges.

CT: What do you enjoy most about teaching this course?

JC: I get the most enjoyment when the students become excited because they have successfully implemented a strategy or action that I tried to teach in the class. The students also develop their own ideas and ways to look at the sport. The students really enjoy fencing with each other, putting a real-life spin on the course. They learn as a group and are able to demonstrate great progress over the course of the semester. I enjoy working with the students and teaching them a sport that is both new and unique and I find it interesting how every year the students relate to the sport to different experiences they have had during their lives.

CT: Describe a typical student in your class.

JC: The class attracts the entire spectrum of students at GW. It is a very diverse class. There is no typical student.

CT: Is there anything you would like to add about your course?

JC: The most important thing is that the students always have fun and enjoy the class. And fencing is the safest sport.



Professor Chambers hopes his students learn to relate different experiences from their lives into foil fencing. He claimed that foil fencing was the safest sport.



GW Neighborhood Watch: New Resident at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

SMPA 141W: Campaign Reporting

By Yekaterina Reyzis

Regardless of their political preference, students in Professor Albert May's Campaign Reporting class kept a close watch on the presidential candidates that campaigned to become the next incumbent of the White House, a local GW hotspot. With the help of Professor May's vast expertise in political journalism, undergraduates conducted field studies in the battleground state of Virginia to determine who voted, why, when, and where as well as what they thought when it was all over.

"He's extremely knowledgeable, almost like an encyclopedia, and he made sure we did everything expected from a real media source," said junior Vyomika Jairam.

Don't be surprised if the 2012 election features reporting by one or all of his former students.

CHERRY TREE: Can you give a brief background and description of the course? ALBERT MAY: I developed this course during the 1998 election and it is only offered in election years so that we can use a live campaign as a laboratory of all sorts. The class is focused on political journalism and segmented into various aspects of it, such as polling and advertising.

CT: What is the highlight or main project of your course? AM: It's a writing course, so everything is done in stories. This year, we focused on voters in Virginia because it was a battleground state. We analyzed voters' response to the debates, how the internet plays into the campaign, and how to truth-test an advertisement. At the end of the course, we polled voters on why the election came out the way it did.

CT: What kinds of students typically enroll in your course? AM: A typical student would be a junior or a senior. There are ones that are really interested in politics and have a secondary interest in journalism and vice versa, but you have to have both to enjoy this class. It amazes me every time I teach this course how engaged they are and how much they know.

CT: What do you enjoy most about this course? AM: It keeps my hand in something I did for 23 years. It is also my research interest, so I keep current on it. This has been an exhausting but incredible election.

CT: What makes your course stand out in political journalism?

AM: I'm sure there are courses like it, but we have such resources in D.C. that it would be difficult to do this course someplace else - the agencies and the people are all here. I think this school offers wonderful opportunities and this course has been successful.

CT: Who would be an ideal guest speaker for your course? AM: Robin Sproul, the Washington Bureau Chief for ABC News. He spoke to my class about the logistics of election coverage and they watched what he said unfold on election day.



Professor Albert May discusses the intricacies of the 2008 Presidential Election with students in Campaign Reporting. His class was offered only in election years so that students could see their research come to life on Election Day.

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None Business! of Your Business! But It Could Be...

Professor John Rollins helped GW students make small business their business

By Yekaterina Reyzis

GW undergraduates are notorious for being involved in all kinds of clubs, jobs, and internships, both on and off campus. With over 400 student organizations and even more professional opportunities throughout Washington D.C., it is not surprising that 10 percent of Entrepreneurship Professor John Rollins' class owned their own business. As a long-time small business extraordinaire, Rollins shared his personal secrets on how to thrive in the competitive business world.



In the next five to ten years, Entrepreneurship Professor John Rollins hopes to develop new courses that apply to students both in and outside the GW Business School. He has been teaching at GW since 2001.

"Entrepreneurial thinking is seeing opportunity where other people see a problem," said Rol-

With an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and an MBA from Stanford University, Rollins came to Washington D.C. in 1968 to start his own business. From his fifth floor apartment in a townhouse in Dupont Circle, he founded Aztech, a company that wrote software for non-profit organizations. His business soon became the largest in the nation of its kind. However, Rollins admitted that he did not plan to be an entrepreneur until he took a course titled Small Business Management in his last year of business school.

"Before I took the course, I had no idea I wanted to start my own business," he said.

Ironically, Rollins began teaching a course with that same name later in his career. After selling Aztech in 2000, he joined the Board of Advisors for the GW School of Business and began teaching Small Business Management , also known as Entrepreneurship, in 2001. He emphasized the importance of innovative teaching methods that expand on textbook materials, such as perfecting networking and presentation techniques that can be used in the professional world.

Rollins said his favorite part of being a GW professor was his students' final presentations, in which they analyzed their findings from various busineses in the D.C. area that they had consulted throughout the semester.

"I don't know how GW does it, but the students get better every year," he said. "They blow me away with their professionalism."

In the next five to ten years, Rollins hoped to expand the entrepreneurship program beyond the School of Business in an effort to integrate the GW campus across different programs. He hoped to design courses that were not currently offered and teach specific elements of small business operations, such as networking. Nonetheless, in addition to his post as the Executive in Residence for GWSB, he maintained his connection to the business world as the CEO of StreamCenter, a site that digitally streams continuing education courses for over 400 professions.

Professor Rollins could give even the longest resume a run for its money. "I am what you may call a 'serial entrepreneur," he chuckled.



In addition to teaching theory, Rollins engages his students in entrepreneurial thinking with presentations on various topics such as networking and business management. His favorite part of being a GW professor was his students' final presentations.

Colonials, Can You Hear Me

By Yekaterina Reyzis

SPHR 107: Acoustics

Professor Linda Jacobs-Condit did not need a microphone to capture her students' attention in the classroom. Instead, she relied on the complex interaction of speech and sound to convey her lessons. After spending 21 years as a substitute teacher at GW, Jacobs-Condit applied her professional skills as a clinical audiologist to help undergraduates analyze even the most inaudible details of speech disorders.

CHERRY TREE: Can you give a brief synopsis of your course?

LJC: Acoustics relates to how sound is created and how it travels from source to mechanism. The purpose of the course is to give them a knowledge base of acoustics and how it relates to speech disorders. Students also learn spectrographic analysis and a how to use a spectrograph, an instrument used to determine the volume of a person's speech. Lastly, they participate in an acoustics lab every other week that alternates with a phonetics lab, where they become skilled

at transcribing people's speech in phonetic symbols.

CT: Describe a typical student in your course. LJC: The speech and hearing program is divided into tiers, and this

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class is part of the second tier, so most of my students are juniors. There are also several graduate students who are part of a re-entry program specifically geared toward speech and hearing science.

CT: What do your students go on to do in their careers?

LJC: Typically, students go on to grad school to pursue a degree in speech pathology or a doctoral in audiology.

CT: What do you expect students to retain at the end of the course?

LJC: At the end of the course, I want my students to see the bigger picture.

Now we are doing the nitty gritty, such as loudness levels in terms of intensity or decibels, but hopefully they can see how it relates to the larger scheme of speech and hearing science.

CT: What do you enjoy most about teaching this course?

LJC: I enjoy the opportunity to take this basic class and tie it into what I do everyday on a clinical basis. I give my students a basic knowledge so they can proceed in their coursework and apply the information they learn to the field.



Acoustics Professor Linda Jacobs-Condit teaches students the interaction of speech and sound. Her class was in the second tier of the speech and hearing program.

CT: Who would be an ideal guest speaker for your course?

LJC: Chuck Berlin, a well-known retired audiologist. He was head of the Kresge Hearing Research Lab in New Orleans and he's done a lot of pioneer work.

CT: Any last thoughts on Acoustics?

LJC: It is definitely an intense program and a challenging course, but it prepares students for what lies ahead in their professional careers.

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Design Professor Jeff Stephanic taught Colonials how to put a modern spin on standard design techniques with digital imaging

By Yekaterina Reyzis

In a world full of BlackBerrys, laptops, and iPhones typical GW students could not imagine life without some form of digital attachment. It is a good thing that in 1986, Professor Jeff Stephanic not only convinced the GW Fine Arts department to offer a computer design class, but also developed the computer design curriculum at GW. And, surprisingly, art was not his original career path.

"I always wanted to study art, but I was told it was impractical," he said.

With a degree in business administration, Stephanic decided to pursue his interest in fine arts when he was stationed in Washington D.C. as a medic for the Navy. Upon his completion, he taught a variety of courses throughout his career at GW, including classes pertaining to 2-D design, digital imaging and mixed

"The key to success is an open mind."

media. However, his favorites were always the introductory courses.

"I like introducing people to something new," said Stephanic. "I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm for art.'

Stephanic described a successful student in his class to be someone who has real interest in art and design, enthusiasm and an open mind. He took pleasure in conveying skills in applied art, but stressed that students must allow themselves the luxury to explore the unfamiliar.

"The key to success is an open mind," Stephanic said.

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In addition to his long-time teaching post at I cannot imagine a GW, Stephanic explored the field of commercial advertising by designing posters, fliers, announcements, and other forms of print media. In the future, Stephanic looked forward to

making his own images and digital prints. In his retirement, he particularly hoped to focus on nature photography.

"I want to take time to be the artist I went to art school to be," he admitted. "But I've had a wonderful experience here.'



Professor Jeff Stephanic helps students understand the complexities of digital imaging and design. He developed GW's computer design program in 1986.

Clearly, Professor Stephanic was far from finished with his art career. "I cannot imagine a world without art!" he said.



Colonial Prime Time

Professor Frank Sesno put a new spin on the art of story-telling

By Yekaterina Reyzis

News traveled fast in a close-knit city like Washington, D.C., which was constantly stirring with ground-breaking stories every hour, on the hour, 24/7. It was the perfect place for a storyteller like Frank Sesno.

From producing morning announcements to being the editor of his high school newspaper in Wilton, Connecticut, Professor of Media and Public Affairs Frank Sesno certainly chose the right place to pursue his Emmy-award winning journalism career.

"I've always loved telling stories," said Sesno. "And I've always loved the news."

The combination of these two interests brought Sesno to Middlebury College, where he majored in American History and focused on the interaction of public policy, media and bias within the media realm. He went on to hold various posts at CNN, such as White House correspondent and Washington Bureau Chief, which allowed him to interview some of the world's most renowned leaders, including former

of the world's most renowned leaders, including former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. In fall of 2006, Sesno became a member of the GW community in the midst of an extraordinary career.

"I've always loved telling stories."

"My draw toward GW was the very engaged faculty and the cutting edge work they do as well as the students in SMPA, who are very motivated and focused on politics, news and storytelling," he said.

Sesno taught several courses including "The Art and Genre of Documentaries" and a senior seminar in media ethics. Typical students in his class were those striving to be journalists or political communicators, ready to put their learning to use in the real, cut-throat world of D.C. journalism. Many did so by participating in Sesno's project, "Planet Forward," an online forum that encouraged discussion on environmental matters such as alternatives to fossil fuel. The project would eventually become a television program on the Public Broadcasting Service.



Professor Frank Sesno enjoys sharing his experiences with students in his class, "The Art and Genre of Documentaries." He joined the GW faculty in fall, 2006.

"I enjoy working with students to create something I think will put our University in a leadership position on the subjects of energy, climate and sustainability," said Sesno. "We have the opportunity to help shape the national debate on these issues."

In the next few years, Sesno hoped to continue the production of high-caliber projects in which GW students could become intimately involved. This included expanding SMPA's Center for Innovative Media into the ultimate center for learning, teaching and research. Sesno's most recent position as a special correspondent for CNN enhanced his ability to sync his teaching with real-world journalism and show students how media theory was put into practice.

For Colonials, it was clear that Sesno's story was far from over.







Multics



Making an Individual Statement

Hogan and Stevenson have banner years for GW

By Julian Gompertz

Prior to attending GW, Megan Hogan was a basketball player at little Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass. In her first-season as a Colonial, Hogan became the first GW cross country runner ever to qualify for the NCAA nationals where she finished 96th against the nation's top 250 runners.

"You can't describe it," said Hogan of running in Nationals. "It's the greatest atmosphere [and] it's every runner's dream."

It was an unbelievable story for an athlete who had only one year of running experience. Hogan finished fourth in the Navy Invitational, her first ever collegiate running event, and defied the odds by finishing second out of 139 runners in the A-10 tournament in Charlotte. She also finished 19th out of 191 participants in the Mid-Atlantic regional, by far the best result for a Colonial this season.

Hogan's teammate captain Collin Stevenson was the star for the men this season finishing 89th in the Mid-Atlantic regional, seven spots higher than the previous year. He closed the season strong with his personal best time coming at the Penn State Invitational that preceded the regional race in November.

As a team though, coach Brian Beil knew there was much work to be done. The gap in many races between Hogan and Stevenson, and the rest of their respective teams, often hurt the overall team result.

The loss of senior Audrey Noonan who was hindered by a leg injury for the second season in a row, played a major factor in the women's team struggles, and the inconsistency of senior Keith Moody, Robbie Lockhart and transfer Dan Cartica were tough to overcome for the men.

For the men, the loss of Stevenson, who captained the men's team with Moody, would force Cartica, and sophomores Zach Borenstein and Andrew Zahornacky to pick up the slack collectively. The women hoped to improve upon this season with Hogan returning to team with junior Meaghan Smith, sophomore Jessica Stern and freshman Emily Foster leading the charge for Beil.







COLONIALS FALL JUST SHORT

Dandy Andy's magical season not good enough for postseason play

By Julian Gompertz

For GW Junior Andy Stadler, the 2008 season is one he will never forget. The Milwaukee native re-wrote the Colonials history books and finished the year in the top five in goals per game and total goals among all Division-I players. The rest of his teammates, though, would rather forget the opportunity they let slip away in the final game of the year.

After a double overtime victory against Duquesne, and fifth place in the Atlantic 10 standings, it seemed the GW men's soccer team was destined to return to the six-team A-10 tournament for the first-time since winning the conference in 2004. Yet the Colonials still had one final game remaining and in two days time, went from being a post-season lock, to a team on the outside looking in for the fourth straight year. What transpired was a home-loss in the season finale to St. Bonaventure as the Colonials gave up two-second half goals which ultimately cost them a chance at post-season play and left GW with a bitter taste in their mouths.

"We haven't made the [Atlantic] 10 tournament since I have been here, so this ending definitely leaves a bad taste in our mouth," said Stadler. "We could have tied the final game, not lost, but next year is going to be better."

After injuring his ankle midway through the year, Stadler's goal production dropped, and as a result the season ended in disappointment for him and his teammates. Stadler admits that the injury hobbled him down the stretch and played a factor in his missed opportunities against the Bonnies.

In addition to Stadler, freshman Yoni Berhanu also had a season to remember, as he became the seventh GW player to win rookie of the year honors in the Atlantic 10 and the first Colonial since Arnar Johannsson in 2001 to win the award.

The Colonials will be relying on both Stadler and Berhanu to carry the team next season, and for Stadler, he expects more from both the team and himself next year.

"As a team, I want us to get back to the A-10's," said Stadler. "And for me I want to go for more than 15 goals, I want to aim for at least 20."





GROWING PAINS Newcomer leads veteran squad

By Julian Gompertz

With seven returning seniors, head coach Tanya Vogel's squad set high expectations for the 2008 season. Looking for their first winning season since 2003 and a berth in the Atlantic 10 tournament, the Colonials struggled both early and late in the year. They dropped four of their first five games of the season as well as four of their last five finishing the season with an 8-11 record.

"One of the difficult things in sports is that you're judged on wins and losses," said Vogel. "From the outside we failed to meet |our| expectations, but from the inside, although we didn't meet |our| goals we had a fantastic year."

Though the team did not partake in post-season play, the year included many positives for Vogel's club. Freshman goalkeeper Lindsey Rowe was named to the Atlantic 10 All-rookie team while seniors Keara Mehlert, Erica Wright and Meg Pyle finished the season with double-digit point totals. The women's team also won four conference games during the year, the most the Colonials have won since 2004 and finished just five points shy of making the Atlantic 10 conference tournament.

After a 1-4 start against three NCAA tournament qualifiers, GW won its final three non-conference matches before losing its first two A-10 games. Yet after winning its next two matches at home, the team could not build upon its momentum, dropping five of their final seven games, including home losses to A-10 powers Charlotte and Saint Louis.

With a strong freshman class including Rowe, Sierra Smidinger, Taryn Dietrich, and Brittany Schornstein as well as a plethora of returning players, Vogel's team has a lot to look forward to in the future.

"If I were a kid in this program, I'd be so excited after we graduated six starters," said Vogel. "Of the remaining players, we are going to have a lot of healthy internal competition... and a coaching staff trying to maximize their potential."







SERVING UP THE OPPOSITION The GW Tennis squad was always on point when on the court

By Julian Gompertz

For a second straight season, the George Washington tennis program sat atop the Atlantic 10 conference standings heading into the tournament's conference championship in Monroeville, PA. Yet while the team was upset in the semifinal round of the tournament by St. Bonaventure, it was another banner season for third year coach Greg Munoz, who won the league without an upperclassmen on his roster.

"We have brought in a lot of young guys and they can compete physically at the tough level we require," said Munoz. "We have two goals: competing at the highest level and winning the conference tournament to advance to the NCAA tournament and the two go hand-in-hand with the play of our young guys."

For sophomores Yan Levinski and Erik Hannah, it was another successful campaign for a team that, if healthy, would remain intact for another two seasons.

Levinski began his collegiate career winning his first 11 matches, and was a revelation for a program that consistently placed in the upper echelon of the Atlantic 10 year after year. Hannah went undefeated in conference play this past season.

"Yan came into the season with a lot of pressures as both the leader of the team as well as a 4.0 student," said Munoz. "Yet I expect next season to be the best of both of their careers at GW as we finally have a mixture of young guys and veterans where we can have a lot of success."

Among the team's highlights were wins against Georgetown, Navy and UMBC, three local schools the Colonials had not beaten during Munoz's tenure as coach. And while the team was supremely challenged out of conference, the team continued its dominance in conference, going undefeated against all A-10 foes. Ultimately, the team's youth made them a force to be reckoned with for years to come, and the program would continue to grow both regionally and nationally.

"The standards have risen from when I came here to where we are now," said Munoz. "When a guy leaves now, we can replace him with a better player and that will eventually allow us to mold our team and compete with squads closer to the top."





HIGH-RISERS

Gymnastics team showed improvement throughout the season

By Julian Gompertz

On the heels of a 5th place finish in last year's East Atlantic Gymnastics League championship, coach Margie Foster-Cunningham and her Colonials looked to build upon the team's best season in years. With nine returning letterwinners and a trio of talented freshmen, the team was prepared to handle the difficult schedule they faced in 2009.

Led by senior captain Kristen Simpson, the Colonials began the year with victories at the Lindsey Ferris Invitational and the Rutgers Invite weekend in Piscataway, New Jersey. While the team experienced highs and lows throughout the season, it was Simpson who could be counted on for guidance and leadership.

"Kristen is a fantastic captain, both from a consistency standpoint and athletics," said Cunningham. "It is critical to have someone in your lineup that gives other athletes confidence and her teammates really embraced her."

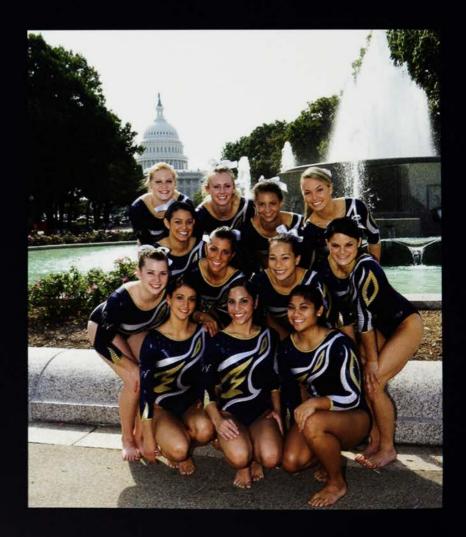
GW faced stiff competition traveling to Columbus, Ohio to take on Ohio State, and to North Carolina to face North Carolina and North Carolina State.

"The thing that I am most proud of is that we went and competed against big schools," said Cunningham. "It's easy to get intimidated, yet no matter the venue we consistently performed, and that stemmed from our leadership which speaks volumes at the end of the season."

Recruiting was a major factor in the Colonials success throughout the season as the play of underclassmen Leslie Delima and Amanda Murphy, as well as juniors Christa Devine and Megan Quinn, continuously lifted the team and the program.

"We are on an upswing in terms of building the program," said Cunningham. "The incoming freshmen class illustrates how we are building the way we want to, and this season was a jump forward for us."

With five all-around conference players and a proven roster, the foundation was in place for the program to continue to thrive under Cunningham.







SINKING IN OCTOBER

GW men's Water Polo team struggles early but finishes season strong

By Julian Gompertz

The month of October is known for many things. Christopher Columbus is honored on the second Monday of the month, the World Series is played in October and Halloween caps off those 31 days. But for the GW men's Water Polo team, the month of October is one they will remember for a totally different reason.

That was what the month amounted to for a team expected to rebound after a 2007 season of close losses, but instead the team's fate would be decided in the tenth month of the year enduring a ten match-losing streak within that fateful 31-day stretch.

"It is very easy to lose focus at that time of the year," said GW coach Scott Reed. "These guys need to learn to keep themselves focused when there in the pool [and] too often, we brought all of our frustration with us into the pool."

Reed's squad did close the year strong winning four-of-five games in the Collegiate Water Polo Association Southern Division Championship and showed promise to close the season, yet the team could not get to the Eastern Championships, its goal at the beginning of the season.

"Overall we did not meet the goals and expectations that we had. We fell short," said Reed of the team's season. "Am I disappointed, yeah, but the team finished the season strong and that's why I came away with a relatively good feeling about the season. They could have easily let up but they kept working hard and that's all I ask of them."

It is the teams will to fight injuries and battle adversity that leaves Reed with hope that next year will be as successful as the 2007 campaign and will allow the program to get back to the Eastern Championships.

"I am hoping the incoming [guys] next year are able to compete right away as a relatively young team," said Reed. "You can't ever replace a guy like David Zenk, but I think that as a group the new players will collectively make up for the loss of a few individuals."







UP AND DOWN SEASON

Women's Water Polo Team showed flashes of brilliance all year

By Julian Gompertz

In his 10 years of coaching Water Polo, GW coach Scott Reed had seen a lot of teams come and go, but after an inconsistent season for his women's squad this year, Reed was adamant in declaring this year's team the "hardest working and most focused" group he had ever coached in Foggy Bottom.

The results did not always coincide with the effort and focus, yet the squad played valiantly against some very tough opponents during the season.

"Our biggest problem really became our lack of consistency," said Reed. "We were extremely focused in practice and for most of the game, but we'd have a three minute spurt where we collapse [and] I attribute that to a lack of big game experience."

Freshman Allison Peotter was the team's star player leading the team in goals and assists, providing the team with a true leader who had three remaining years in the Smith Center pool.

"It's pretty exciting to have a young player come into this program who is comparable to the men's [David] Zenk," said Reed. "[Allison] is only going to get better as she progresses down the road for us."

This year's team went 6-21 overall with multiple losing streaks, yet finished the season defeating Bucknell, a school it had not beaten in its last 18 games (12-11 in OT), giving Reed the confidence to believe in the success of the program's future.

"If we carry over what we did in the Bucknell game we will have a very successful season next year," said Reed. "We cannot rest on what we accomplished late in the year because we need to believe that we can play with anyone in the country and reach our ultimate goal: playing for the conference championship."







COLONIALS SPIKE COMPETITION

GW advanced to A-10 semifinals for first time since 2003

By Julian Gompertz

With a veteran squad intact, the bar was set high by Jojit Coronel's volleyball team: win our side of the conference. Even Coronel admitted the goal would be difficult to achieve, but that was the expectation for the team this season, and they accomplished it with relative ease.

"I'm really pleased with the way the season ended," said Coronel. "I thought [their goal] seemed lofty, but they were very direct, and they came through with it."

The 2008 season for Coronel's Colonials was one he knew he could be proud of. After four years without making it out of the first round of the Atlantic-10 tournament, Coronel's team advanced to the semifinals for the first time since 2003 before bowing out against Dayton.

"We knew we were there, and we decisively defeated Fordham, but at some point during the [Dayton] match we all looked around and asked: should we be here?" said Coronel about his team's play late in the final game. "And after last year's match against Charlotte, the answer is yes, we should be here."

Senior leadership played a significant role in the team's late season success as Maggie Wright, Liz Moult and Jackie Yaniga all made significant contributions for the Colonials who closed the regular season winning 12 of their final 14 matches. Yet with ample depth up-and-down the roster, Coronel was not openly worried about the loss of his three veterans.

"The competitive level of this team and the depth of this team will allow us to rebound perfectly well next season," said Coronel. "We are definitely going to miss the leadership, but the returning players are hungrier than they were last season and that's because they know the standard they have now set."

That standard would be to make the A-10 tournament each and every year, and for Coronel, eventually playing in the A-10 finals.

"In order to win, you gotta compete," said Coronel. "I hope this team learned that we know exactly what we need to improve upon and we hope to build the physical and mental foundation for next season."





Under Construction

GW Men's team rebuilds for second straight season

By Julian Gompertz

At the GW men's pre-season press conference, Colonials head coach Karl Hobbs promised the entire GW fan base that when they came out to see his team play, they would enjoy the experience while admiring the team's hustle and grit.

After last year's disappointing 9-17 season, Karl Hobbs and the entire GW Basketball program were looking to return to the winning ways of the previous three years.

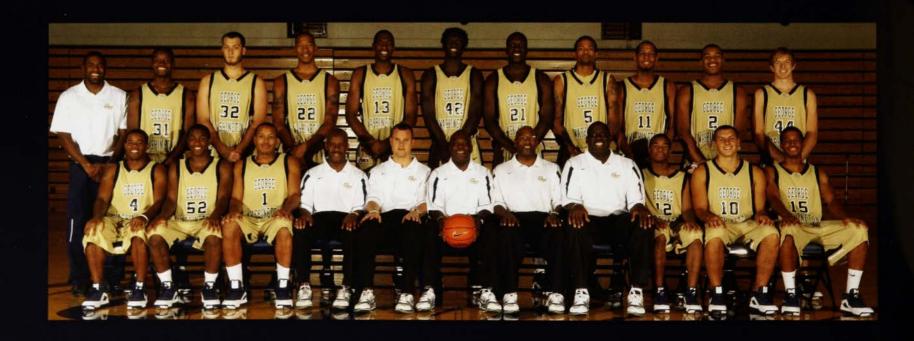
Instead, the Colonials were forced to go back to the drawing board for a second-straight year. After beginning the season 6-2, the team endured an 11-game losing streak, which included losses to Coppin State and Longwood, denying the team a chance for conference postseason play for a second consecutive season.

The losing streak was the longest in 20 years for this program, and GW had not missed the Atlantic 10 conference tournament two years in a row since it first participated in 1974.

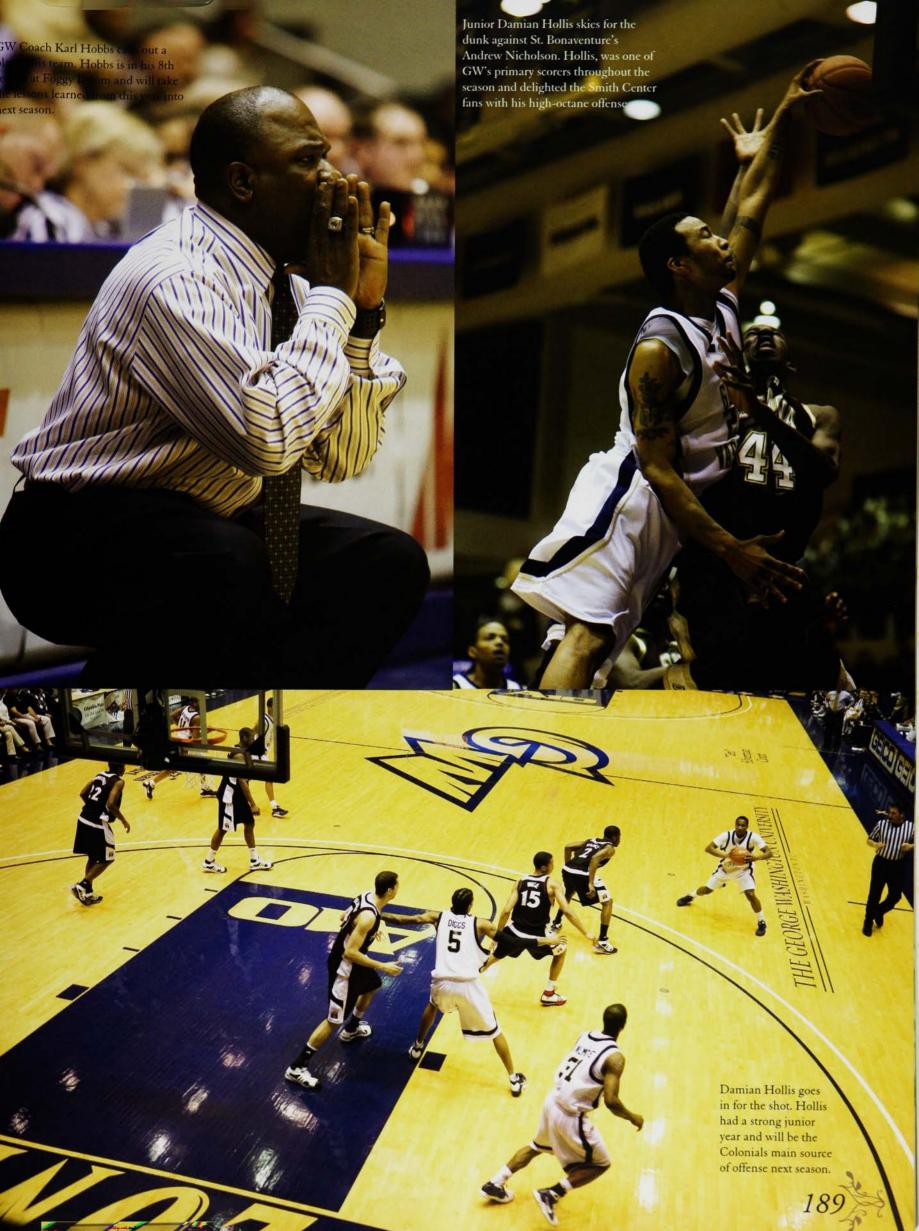
"This is a young basketball team without a lot of experience. We're going through those growth pains when you're young," said Hobbs. "This is a rebuilding situation, [and] I don't mind rebuilding. That's just the situation you find yourself in, and you have to get through it." Instead the team took solace in graduating key contributors Robert Diggs and Noel Wilmore. They also graduated Wynton Witherspoon who had an illustrious career in his two years in Foggy Bottom as well as walk-on Jeff Alston, who managed the team for the three years prior.

This year's squad began the season winning six of their first eight games, but a 5,000-mile trip to Honolulu, Hawaii prompted the team's losing streak. On the island of Oahu, the Colonials took part in the 45th annual Outrigger hotels Rainbow Classic, but lost all three games in the nation's oldest eight-team tournament. They began the calendar year dropping their first seven games in conference play, each by 12 points or less, which ensured that they would be absent from the Atlantic 10 tournament in Atlantic city, New Jersey at the end of the regular season finishing 10-18.

After a second straight disappointing season, Hobbs' squad will look to end the two-year conference tournament drought and should be led by senior Damian Hollis, junior Travis King and sophomore Tony Taylor.







STEPPING INTO A NEW ROLE

Head Coach Mike Bozeman learns the tricks of the head coaching trade

By Julian Gompertz

When I sat down with new GW Women's Coach Mike Bozeman, it was tough not to marvel at how candid the first-year head coach was when discussing his everyday life as the new face of the program. Wearing his emotions on his sleeve, Bozeman rarely minced words throughout his first-year as coach and would go into great detail when speaking about the good and bad in his basketball team.

A former assistant coach, high school coach and father of a collegiate basketball player, Bozeman's uniqueness was that he had seen the game of college basketball from every angle, and in all that he had learned, the refrain he kept repeating was that "talent is never enough."

"You can't just rely on talent at this level," said Bozeman. "It's about the intangibles and finding out what's going on with these players and having the whole picture in focus to be able to help the team win."

Winning was commonplace during Bozeman's three years as former coach Joe Mckeown's right-hand man, as he helped guide the Colonials to 78 victories, three NCAA tournaments and back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances. He had won on the high-school level as well, coaching Bishop McNamara to the No.1 seed in the country while sending 11 players to Division I colleges.

So, naturally, when this year's team experienced struggles that had not existed with GW basketball in several years, Bozeman frankly explained how the losses affected him.

"I used to tell my wife, I would never be one of those people who stayed up late after a loss," Bozeman joked. "But it is so personal, and now I have to worry about how losing affects all of us as a team."

Losing three team leaders certainly made Bozeman's first year on the job tougher than most experience, but if anyone was equipped to handle adversity and redefine this program, that man was Mike Bozeman.

"After all I've seen, I am much better at dealing with everything that comes with being the head coach," said Bozeman. "Do we have the talent this year to win the [Atlantic 10]? Yes we do, but as I said before: talent is never enough."



Coach Bozeman instructs his team during a timeout. Whether it was coaching as an assistant, on the high-school level or his time as a police officer, Bozeman has always found himself in a teaching role.

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New Kid On The Block

Head Coach Mike Bozeman takes reins of successful Colonials program

By Julian Gompertz

Replacing Joe Mckeown, the most successful women's basketball coach in Atlantic 10 history, was no easy task, but while his team endured an up-and-down season, Colonials head-coach Mike Bozeman was pleased with his team's overall play.

Making the NCAA tournament six years in a row planted enormous expectations on the GW Women's Basketball team, yet the team's string of success was transferred seamlessly from Mckeown to his right-hand man.

Mckeown's teams had won consistently for the better part of two decades, yet when Mckeown departed to Northwestern University; it was Bozeman's turn to prove his worth on the division I level.

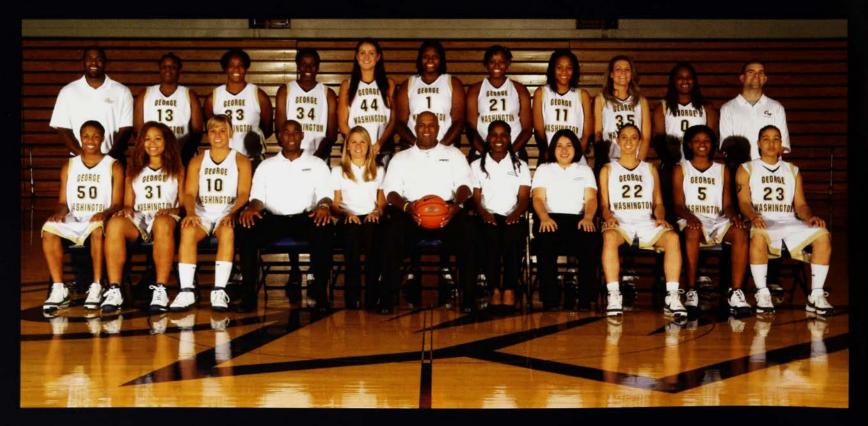
"With our non-conference schedule being so tough, we were prepared for the teams in the conference," said the former D.C. police officer about his team's success in A-10 play. "We learned a lot of lessons and we were able to apply these lessons through the conference schedule."

After seven seasons atop the Atlantic 10, GW relinquished that position after graduating three of its premier scorers. This year seniors Jessica Adair and Antelia Parrish led the way for the Colonials on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. GW also got tremendous play throughout the season from freshmen Tiana Myers and Tara Booker as well as sophomores Ivy Abiona and Erica Rivera.

After a loss against the DT-3 All-Stars in the team's exhibition game, the Colonials won seven of its first 11 games, and after losing four-straight, began conference play with six-straight wins.

But this year's team lacked the veteran leadership on the court. Ultimately the Colonials could never regain control of the conference and finished 17-14, leaving them in the middle of the more balanced Atlantic 10 conference.

"They have a fight in them that always amazes me," said Bozeman a home victory in February. "We are learning how to focus and maintain the energy necessary to play well throughout the season."







ENDING ON A SOUR NOTE

Bozeman's squad drops A-10 first rounder and WNIT opener

By Benjamin Toder



Senior Jessica Adair shoots over her defender. For the Washington D.C. native, she ended the season strong carrying the team in both the conference tournament and WNIT.

After a regular season of ups and downs, a young, but highly talented GW women's basketball team, suffered two close postseason losses.

The first came in the Atlantic 10 conference tournament against Rhode Island. The fifth seeded Colonials fell 62-58 to the 12th seeded underdog Rams at Halton Arena on the campus of UNC-Charlotte. After the first round loss, GW received an invitation to the Women's National Invitational Tournament where they fell in double overtime, 97-94, to host Florida Gulf Coast University. The WNIT bid marked the tenth consecutive time GW qualified for a postseason bid and the 18th time in the last 19 years.

GW played from behind for much of the game against Rhode Island and in over-time against Florida Gulf Coast. In each game, GW seniors stepped up to keep the team in the hunt for victory. Against URI, preseason Wooden Award candidate Jessica Adair had 22 points and 11 rebounds. In the Florida Gulf Coast game, senior transfer Yolanda Lavender scored 27 points and hit the tying shot at the end of the first overtime for the Colonials.

"I came out and played hard," said Adair. "I wanted to make a run in this tournament and I know that me as a leader, captain of this team, I would have to come out and play hard and that's what I tried to do, put everybody on my shoulders and bring them along."

At the mid-point of the season, Lavender, a transfer from Wake Forest, picked things up quickly. Rebounding from a disappointing showing against Rhode Island in Charlotte, Lavender barely missed a triple double against the Atlantic Sun champion, Eagles of Florida Gulf Coast.

GW showed grit staving off what seemed to be imminent defeat at both the end of regulation and the first overtime. The Colonials were down by four with 11 seconds remaining in regulation. After a pair of missed free throws by Florida Gulf Coast, Lavender drove the length of the floor to bring GW within two.

After an inbounds violation, GW got the ball back and senior Antelia Parrish tied it up as the buzzer sounded. Then at the end of the first overtime, Lavender struck again dribbling all 94 feet herself and tying the game at 84 with a lay up.

However, in the second and final overtime, Florida Gulf Coast took a commanding 95-91 lead in the final minute and held on for the victory.

Both losses were tough to swallow for a program that had reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament in each of the past two seasons, but with another recruiting haul for coach Mike Bozeman, the Colonials looked to be back in contention next season.



FLYING HIGH

GW Cheer always supported their school home and away

By Julian Gompertz

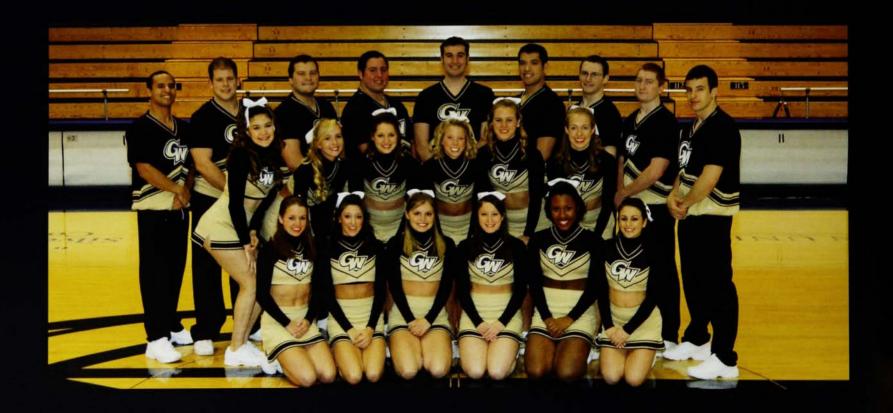
Among all the challenges the cheer team faced this year, maybe the greatest obstacle was simply finding a gym to practice routines. The 2009 GW Cheer team, like all others, is seen behind the baskets at the Smith Center encouraging fans of the Colonial Basketball teams to get excited. Yet, that same gymnasium went under construction during the critical weeks before the team's Chick-Fil-A Cheer and Dance Collegiate Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida.

So, in the neighborly spirit, American University opened up their Bender gymnasium to the Cheer team to practice, and what ensued was an enjoyable show for hundreds of Colonial fans to see the team's routines.

"I love the team aspect of being on the cheer team," said senior Mandy Asgeirsson. "Having a group of 20 other people who know how you feel, and understand when you're sore or stressed out is the best feeling. It is great to know that you always have someone you can relate to and can talk to."

Ultimately, the team performed admirably in their squad's nationals, and will continue to make its mark both in Foggy Bottom as well as sunny Florida.

"My favorite part of the season was right before we went on stage for prelims at nationals," said Asgeirsson. "This is the point of the season when you know that all of your hard work and practices have come down to 2 minute and 15 seconds! Your adrenaline is so high and the combination of nerves and excitement make all of your efforts during the season completely worth it."







A D.C. Two Step

Dance Team combines routines at basketball games with their own season

By Julian Gompertz

The GW First Ladies are more known on the Foggy Bottom campus for their scintillating routines during time-outs and halftime at the basketball games in the Smith Center, but to everyone else, they stand alone as the third ranked dance team in the country.

This year's top ranking added extra emphasis to the squad's performance in the United Dance Association Collegiate Dance Championship (Nationals), and the girls did not disappoint.

Making the trip to Orlando, the First Ladies competed in both the Hip-Hop and Jazz routine. The girls finished 4th and 11th respectively, a finish the girls certainly embraced, but one that allows for improvement.

"This was a really exciting year for us!" said Junior Emma Geller. "It's only our second year at this competition, so to place 4th is was a huge deal. Most of what GW sees is what we do at basketball games, and that's very different from our nationals routines, so it was exciting to have the Hatchet do a video piece on our team and what we do outside of basketball games."

Overall the season was a success, but Spirit leader Nicole Early and coach Alyssa Dagget who is in her fourth year at the helm of the squad believes there is plenty of room to grow.

"It's really rewarding to be a part of a team that works as hard as we do and is able to accomplish the goals we set for ourselves," said Geller. "We push each other to be better, but we have a lot of fun, too!"







Doing It For Joe

A tribute to a dedicated coach and father

By Julian Gompertz

The GW Club hockey team had a strong beginning to the 2008-09 season winning 10 of its first 14 games under coach Joseph Baratta. The father of team captain David Baratta, Joseph had been one of the team's most loyal fans before replacing coach Tom Houlahan at the midway point of the previous year. Yet after two victories against George Mason in early December, Joseph unexpectedly passed away at the age of 50.

Joseph's passing would become the rallying cry for the team as the squad endured a stretch no GW hockey team had ever accomplished. From the beginning of November through February, the Colonials won 13 straight games leading into the regional playoffs. The winning streak included wins over Georgetown, Loyola and Christopher Newport, teams GW had lost to in the beginning of the season.

"His death has been an important reminder for us each game we play," said freshman goalie Andy Reggev. "Before every game we remind ourselves of coach and all that he meant to this team."

The Colonials were led by captain David Baratta whose strong play was certainly a tribute to his late father. Along with senior Will Denise, the team had a strong nucleus of players committed to carrying along Joseph Baratta's legacy.

Denise, who led the team in points and assists, was the team leader in points as a freshman and scored 22 goals as a sophomore for the Colonials.

The team also received outstanding goalie play from freshmen Jared Hay and Reggev who made major contributions to the team's strong play during the season.







BRINGING BACK THE GEORGE CUP GW Rowing won George Cup for the first time since 2005

By Julian Gompertz

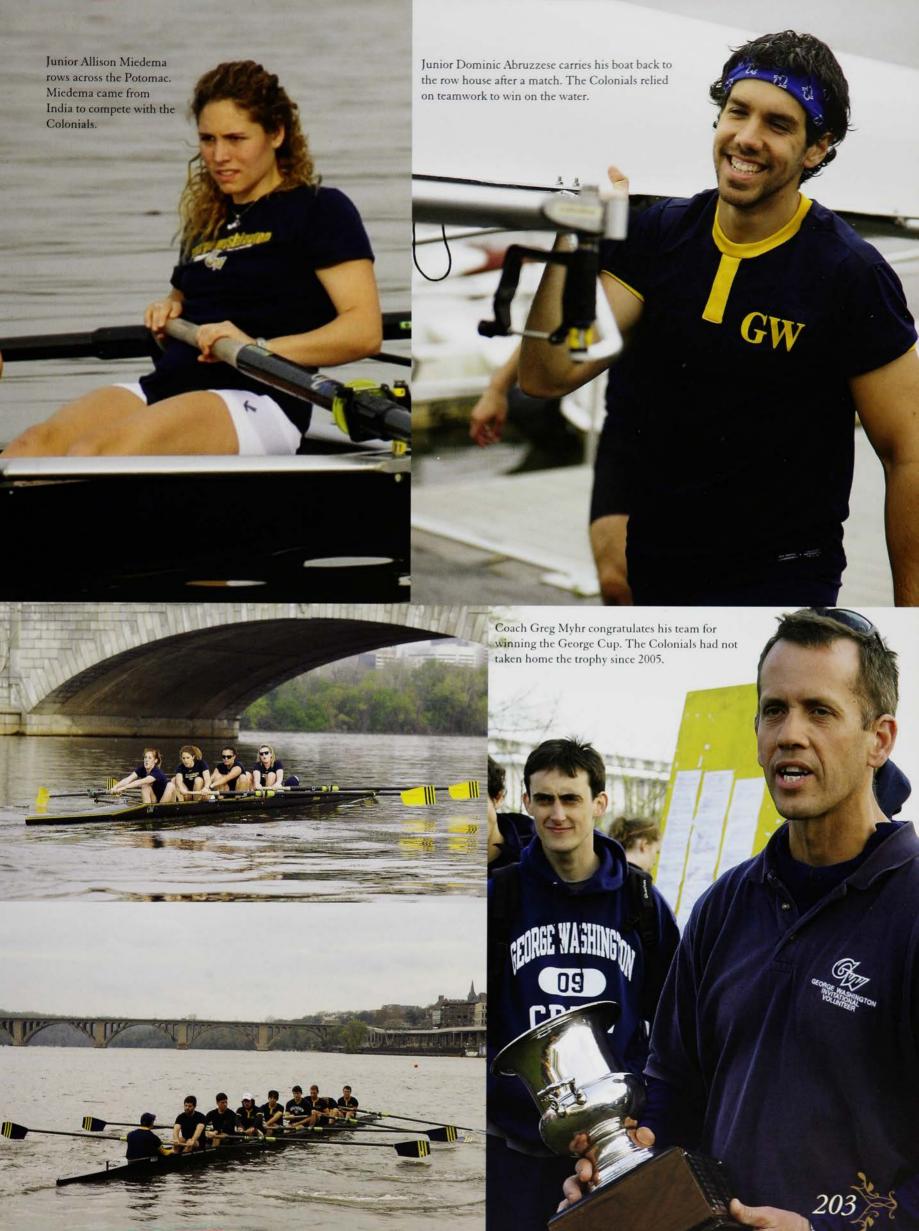
It was four years since the George Washington rowing team had won the George Cup, yet the 2008-09 rowing team was determined to take home the trophy. On a beautiful Saturday morning in April, the Colonials took an early lead and extended it to a four second victory over league rivals Georgetown and Rutgers. "It means a lot to be the best team on the Potomac," said J.J. Silverstein, a junior on the team. "It's always fun to beat Georgetown as well."

During the competitive race, the winning team members all received shirts from the losing teams, and as Silverstein recognized, he had not previously received any cloth. "For me it was a big deal because I got a Georgetown shirt and I had never gotten one before," said Silverstein. "For me, the shirt is on my wall and serves as a beacon that reminds me what we did that day."

The friendly competition stemmed from the teams' shared boathouse right near the Potomac River, which allowed the members of each squad to interact with one another about each team's races. The amiable atmosphere down on the Potomac played a part in GW's record-setting year as the team's top lineup was ranked as high as 14th during the season. This put the Colonials in great shape to compete in the National Collegiate Rowing tournament, an event that pitted the 18 best rowing teams against each other in Sacramento, CA.

And while the goal for this group was simply to make the tournament, Silverstein admitted that the direction of the program might afford a future GW rowing team to win the national tournament in the next five or ten years. "We want to be right near the top of the rowing scene," said Silverstein. "There is a lot that needs to take place for that to happen, but we are moving towards that because we are progressing."





SQUASHING THE OPPONENT

Coach Lawrence led Men's Suash team to new levels

By Julian Gompertz

In Wendy Lawrence's first year as coach, GW jumped four spots in the National Rankings, and this year, Lawrence stayed the course as the Colonials climbed the rankings from 26 to 23 in her second year at the helm of the program. No player was more impressive for GW than freshman Jose Calderon who was the team's top player from the start of the season. The Colonials 12-man roster features six freshmen including Calderon, Brett Feldman and Mike Nair.

"We've had a great year altogether," said Lawrence when discussing her team's ability to step into Division I athletics. "We have overcome injuries and everything else, yet still find a way to compete on a high-level."

The team's depth gave coach Lawrence much needed flexibility during the season, and the team's versatility was on display in a tournament at Wesleyan College in December. Lawrence had lost two of her top seven players, yet the Colonials still managed to defeat the higher-ranked Wesleyan team 6-3 as well as shutting out Vassar College 9-0 while narrowly falling to Northeastern 6-3.

"The weekend at Wesleyan, we were tested yet we answered the challenge," said Lawrence. We rarely had our full complement of players altogether, but when we did, I was always optimistic we could upset anyone in the country."

[Paragraph on the team's final results in the National Tournament from Feb. 20-28]

"I've said since the end of last season that getting into the top 20 is our goal," said Lawrence about her team's final ranking. "All we need is one win, but I always believe we can break into that group."







A BANNER YEAR

Women's Squash team ends season ranked 15th in nation

By Julian Gompertz

As freshmen, co-captains Elaine Purcell and Rachael Rayfield were walk-on athletes recruited off the GW Squash courts and onto coach Maura Myers roster. Four years later, both captains graduated as the leaders of the most successful GW women's squash team, finishing 15th in the nation.

For Purcell, the startling turnaround for the program was not nearly as well-documented as many other division-1 sports, yet the team's success was predicated on taking a sport that relied on individuals, and turning it into a collaborative effort.

"Squash, some people think of it as an individual sport," said Purcell. "And while it's all one-on-one on the court, we all motivated each other and we all wanted to get to 15 (in the nation) and we all wanted to get to the top."

The team competed in the B division of the Howe Cup tournament for the first time and defeated then 15th ranked Hamilton, while losing to top teams Brown and Middlebury.

For coach Myers and her roster, the season really took off after a weekend in Middletown, Connecticut on the Wesleyan University campus. The Colonials defeated a top ranked team, Vassar, which set the right tone for the rest of the year.

"We knew we had what it took to beat them, but never had done well against them historically," said Purcell. "We went in and shocked them 7-2 and it kind of made us look at each other and say we can beat these teams."

On a team full of recruited underclassmen, it was the two senior walk-ons that led the squad throughout the season and navigated one of the tougher schedules the squash program had ever played.

And even with both upperclassmen departing, next season looked to be even more promising than this one.

"I have high hopes for the future of GW squash from this moment on," said Purcell. "We have an incredibly dedicated coach who pushes us and with the talent coming in I see only better things to come."







RACING TO THE FINISH

Final year of diving program aided the promising swimming program

By Julian Gompertz

It was a memorable year for GW swimmers as the Colonials set 12 new team records and three Atlantic 10 conference records in the 2008-09 season. Led by Senior David Zenk, the two-sport athlete (who also played water polo in the fall), the GW swimming and diving program performed at a high level whether it was on the road or at home in the Smith Center pool.

"This was a very good year," said GW swimming coach Dan Rhinehart. "We had our share of injuries but all in all we came together nicely and it showed towards the end of the season."

Leading the conference in the 100 and 200 meter backstroke, 50 meter breast and fly stroke, 200 meter fly stroke and 200 meter intermediate stroke, the Colonials top times were a reflection of the dedication each swimmer put in during practice each morning. Maybe no swimmer was more valuable to the Colonials than Zenk who had an arrangement with both Rhinehart and water polo coach Scott Reed to play water polo in the fall and swim for GW in the winter.

"It was a challenge [to play both sports]," said Zenk. "After doing it in high school I felt really prepared for it and I got used to it after that."

The challenge certainly did not go unnoticed by Rhinehart who spoke very fondly about GW's most acclaimed swimmer in years. "David is a tremendously talented athlete," said Rhinehart.

Zenk became the first player in A-10 history to win the most outstanding swimmer award at the conference championship three times, yet Zenk was not simply outstanding in the pool. The team captain was also named the A-10 student athlete of the year for swimming and diving, an award he did not treat lightly.

"I was truly honored," said Zenk. "I have worked really hard during my four years here balancing water polo, swimming and academics so that one really meant a lot to me."

The sobering news near the end of the season that GW would discontinue the diving program in Foggy Bottom was actually welcomed news to coach Rhinehart who explained that the funds previously allotted to that portion of his team would go toward improving the swimming team even more than before. Ultimately, with underclassmen competing in all the relays, Zenk believed the team would not miss a beat with his departure.

When asked about the future of the program, Reed's response was quite simple. "Up. We are going up."







On THE VERGE OF SOMETHING SPECIAL GW Baseball led by their fearless pitcher

By Julian Gompertz

One out away from the first no-hitter of his GW baseball career, Pat Lehman was as calm as could be. With fringe outfielder Adrian Artidielo representing Fairleigh Dickinson's last hope, Artidielo blooped a ball into center field spoiling the no-hit bid. Artidielo would not record another extra base hit during the Knights season, and Lehman would retire the next batter to cap off the one-hit gem, as history was that close to being made.

The performance by Lehman acted as a microcosm for a squad that won the games it was expected to win, but hovered around .500 throughout the conference and non-conference schedule.

"We started strong but fell off a bit down the stretch," said head coach Steve Mrowka. "Our hitting has been pretty solid, but our pitching has been inconsistent and that's where you get into trouble."

Lehman became the bright spot in an otherwise mediocre rotation finishing amongst the top pitchers in the Atlantic 10 in wins, strikeouts, earned run average and innings pitched.

"Pat's made some great adjustments and has been our stopper all year long," said Mrowka. "Everytime he goes to the mound we seem to play a little bit better."

The team's potent offensive attack was led by redshirt junior Sean Rockey who transferred from Pac-10 power Oregon State to provide a big bat in the middle of the Colonials lineup. Rockey's power often came at the team's Arlington home at Barcroft Park where Mrowka's club won almost 75 percent of their games this season. But ultimately, the loss of ten seniors including Lehman, would be tough for any team to overcome. Mrowka, though, was confident in the team's ability to reload and not rebuild.

"There's certainly going to be a lot of turnover on this roster in the next few years," Mrowka admitted. "We have had a few mediocre seasons in a row, but with hard work and building up our pitching staff I know that we are going to get back on track."







SOFT AROUND THE EDGES

Colonials Softball struggles to find consistency

By Julian Gompertz

After a season marred by injuries and the loss of five seniors, the GW softball team knew it would struggle at times, but the 2009 Colonials had already eclipsed the win margin of the prior year by the middle of April en route to a 16-33 season.

"We have had a lot of success but similar failures as well," said head coach Kim Staehle. "We started off well throwing our freshmen into the fire but by midseason we had injuries depleting our pitching staff and that altered our expectations."

For Staehle, it was a second straight year of injuries which affected the team's ability, yet this year's group persevered showing flashes of a squad that could compete in the conference.

Starting sophomore third baseman Katic Terrazas finished in the top 10 of the conference in home runs and junior Amanda Gabriel had a third consecutive masterful season finishing amongst the top pitchers in the Atlantic 10 in wins, strikeouts, earned run average and innings pitched.

"We knew we would need to rely early on Katie for hitting," said Staehle. "And Amanda, she is one of the most dominating pitchers I have ever coached. She is a gamer and she possesses that intimidation when she gets inside the pitching circle."

After a strong showing last year in conference play, this year's squad performed better during its difficult slate of non-conference games with wins against Pittsburgh, Army, George Mason and UMBC.

With just two seniors graduating in second baseman Tori Sensi and pitcher Carrie Higdon, Staehle believed next year's team would perform much better in all facets of the game.

"As a team we try to get to the conference tournament and we have failed twice now at that," said Staehle. "We just want to get that much better, and with the players we are bringing in, there will be support for both Katie and Amanda."





New Coach Brings New Mentality

Former Colonial comes back to take over golfing reign

By Julian Gompertz

Thirty years ago, first-year head coach Terry Shaffer was named the GW golf team's MVP. After a long career that includes teaching golf as a PGA professional and a stint as Mount St. Mary's head coach, Shaffer was back in Foggy Bottom to replace former GW golf coach Scott Allen.

Allen, a Colonial golfer in the early 90's, left the program to become the director of golf and women's coach at Pennsylvania University, yet left the program in strong hands just two years removed from the Colonials first NCAA berth in over 60 years.

"GW and the team's former coach, Scott Allen, have done a terrific job in building this golf program and making it successful," Shaffer said when hired. "Make no mistake about it, with the talent this team has, this year and subsequent years look very bright."

Shaffer's team responded early winning the team's first tournament (The Navy Fall Invitational) and while the team experienced its share of ups and downs, the squad improved in the conference tournament finishing in 8th out of 12 in Florida.

The team was led by sophomore and MVP Brendan Barrack who averaged a full stroke less than any other Colonial, and shot the lowest round in six of the team's 14 contests including winning outright the Caves Valley Spring and Patriot League intercollegiate tournaments in a three week span.

Junior Cole Turner and senior Lewis Sturdy were two golfers who performed at a high level throughout the season as well, and with only Sturdy and Eddie Newland graduating, Shaffer's squad will be poised and primed to be even better on the course.

"We have great plans for the future," said Shaffer. "I have a heart-felt passion to help our golfers succeed in all of their endeavors both on, and off, the course."









CARDIAC KIDS

Women's Lacrosse struggled early but rebounded for late season run

By Julian Gompertz

After losing eight of nine match-ups at the start of the season, things looked bleak for the Lacrosse team's chances at making noise in conference play. Yet a renewed vigor and a flair for the dramatic catapulted the GW lacrosse team into the Atlantic 10 conference semifinals where they lost a nail-biter to eventual champion UMass. The game saw the Colonials battle back from a five goal deficit to cut the Minutewomen lead to 10-9 with under five minutes remaining before UMass notched the final two tallies.

"After our start, we sat down and reiterated that if we do things consistently we would have success," said head coach Tara Hannaford. "It's a total tribute to them for persevering through our very tough non-conference schedule."

That challenging slate took its toll on the Colonials in the won-loss column, but it also prepared the team for the rigors of conference play where the team won four of seven games.

"Win or lose, at the end of every game I was very proud of the fact that we never gave up," said Hannaford. "The way we played and competed proved to us that we belonged on the field with any team."

Junior Taylor Donohue led the team in points, goals and assists and constantly faced double and triple teams. That opened things up for sophomore Audrey Joy who was named to the Atlantic 10 Women's Lacrosse All-Championship team after netting a hat trick in the conference semifinals.

Both Donohuc and Joy were two players who would be asked to lead a young team that graduated potent scorer Katherine Sampson and a determined defender in Katie Lilly. The team would lose seniors Alaska Burr and Meghan Cratty, but would take the lessons learned this year and apply it to what they believed would be a stronger start than they had this season.

"The future of this program is very bright," said Hannaford. "When I took over this program I wanted to see [GW] as a top 20 team and I think we have the players, the schedule and the experience to get to that point."





YOUTH MOVEMENT SERVED

Women's Tennis relied on underclassmen to carry the load

By Julian Gompertz

For all four years under GW women's tennis coach Dawn Buth, the team had competed valiantly in the Atlantic 10 tournament. Yet not since the 2005-06 season, Buth's first year, had the Colonials won an opening road conference tournament match.

This year's squad was no different, yet the team defined the phrase "youth movement," as five of the team's top six singles players were underclassmen.

"We went to A-10's with all freshmen and sophomores and one senior," said Buth. "Our young team is going through a learning curve just as I am still learning the ins and outs of recruiting and scheduling and training, but I am truly optimistic about next year.

For Buth, the roster featured only eight players which had both a positive and negative effect on the team. "It's good because we became a tight-knit group on and off the court," said Buth. "Yet it becomes a negative when an injury comes up and your roster is thin."

The Colonials were led by sophomore Nadia Demidenko who emerged as the number one singles player on the Colonials for every match during the season.

"We like placing players in different positions, and Nadia is a great example of that," said Buth. "She had an unbelievable freshman record and this year he really stepped up big for us."

With just one senior graduating, Madhuri Jha, Buth's team would be primed for improvement and with her best players gaining a year of experience, the Colonials would be taking the Atlantic 10 by storm.

"I am very driven and really results oriented," said Buth. "We have the same goal every year: win the conference tournament and get to the NCAAs and I believe that is absolutely attainable next year."







HAVING A BALL

GW students used intramural sports as escape

By Julian Gompertz

The 2008-09 GW school year offered lots of activities for students both on and off campus and this year's intramural sports schedule was as busy as ever. From basketball to arena football, indoor soccer and even checkers, the intramural sports department offered something for everyone.

For a second consecutive year over 3,000 students participated in a variety of sports both in the Lerner Health and Wellness Center and the Lincoln Memorial fields. Competition existed throughout from the A and B leagues to the Greek rivalries and even the pickup games every night. Intramural sports became the release for many students looking to get away for a few hours.

"My freshman year, I was addicted to pick-up basketball at the gym," said sophomore Ben Toder. "I would always look forward to playing at night and that got me through the rigors of my academic schedule."

Over the course of the year, Max Smith, one of the head supervisors for intramural sports, saw the program thrive with its vast selection of activities.

"[Intramural sports] provides great life lessons and an opportunity for students and staff to express their competitive spirits in a safe, fun environment," said Smith. "The program is mostly student run, from the officials and scorekeepers, to the supervisors on site, providing a great opportunity for teambuilding not only for the players, but for the staff as well."

With two sponsors, PowerAde and Champion, the intramural sports program succeeded in providing free jerseys and beverages to those participants in certain sports. With the support it received and the popularity it garnered, the intramural sports program at GW figured to continue to play an active role in giving Colonials a chance to showcase their athletic skills in a friendly and competitive setting.



Two GW students go after the basketball. Intramural sports excelled at bringing out the best in every athlete's game.









Becca Loewenberg

Becca Loewenberg was a senior from New City, New York and Senior Design Editor for the Cherry Tree Yearbook. At GW, she created her own interdisciplinary major in Design Communication, a combination of graphic design, marketing and advertising. However, her interest in art developed at a very young age.

"When I was little, I used to be fascinated with crayons and I would peel off their labels to see their color and shape," she said.

Professionally, Loewenberg worked in branding for pharmaceutical companies, development for clothing companies, freelance for several New York law firms, and logo design for an insurance company and a few non-profits. In her free time, she enjoyed ceramics, painting with oils and making jewelry.

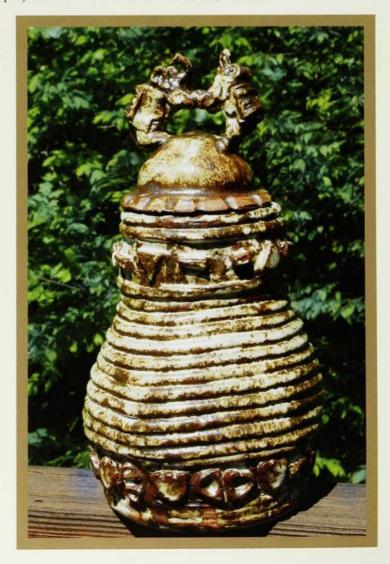
"I've always loved to draw and do all kinds of art," she said.

By her senior year, Loewenberg's favorite undertaking was a project in her wheel-throwing ceramics class, where she crafted six mugs that were glazed in a dark, rusty yellow with raised floral elements that were created using a stamp, making them appear vintage.

"It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it," said Loewenberg.

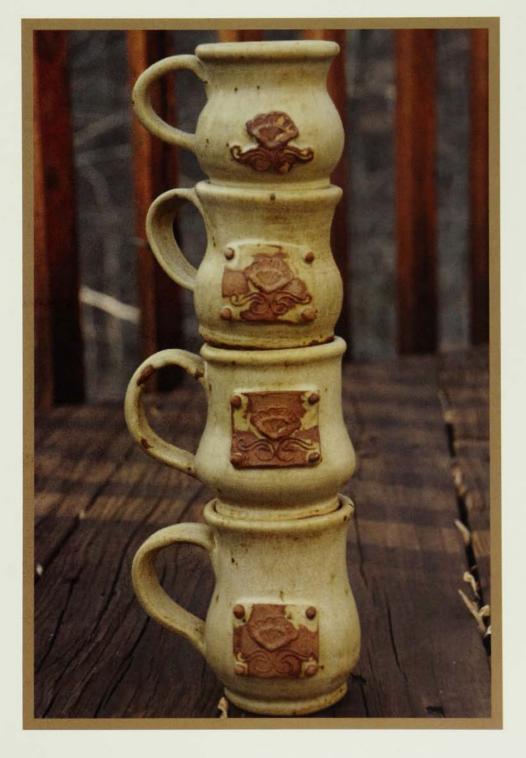
In the coming years, Loewenberg hoped to open her own design firm and concentrate on branding and logo development.

"I want to choose my own projects and focus on what I love to do," she said.









Hid Razvi

Abid Razvi hailed from Potomac, Maryland and was a biological anthropology major in the GW pre-med program. Prior to his post as Chief Photographer of the Cherry Tree Yearbook, his interest in photography stemmed from a staff position on his high school yearbook.

"I always took photo opportunities even though I was on the business staff," he said.

In his freshman year of college, Razvi bought his first camera – a basic Cannon digital SLR. Since then, he enjoyed photo-journalism, street photography, and photographing urban environments, particularly in D.C. His favorite project was on decay and abandonment for his color photo class, in which he photographed a deserted hospital in Maryland.

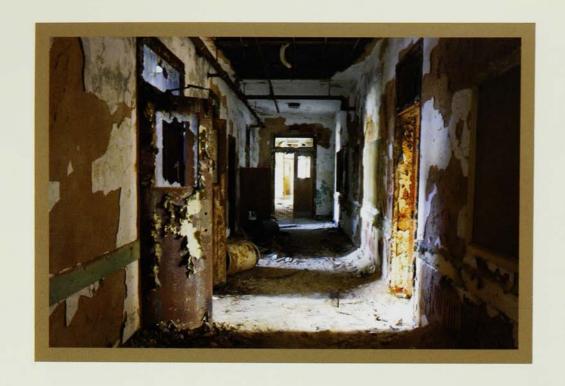
"I tend to do many different kinds of photography: landscapes, architecture, performance art, a little bit of everything, depending on my mood," said Razvi.

Throughout his career, Razvi worked in freelance photography and a photographed a wedding for a family friend. In the next few years, he planned to attend the GW Medical School but hoped to keep taking photos in his spare time.

"I definitely would like to continue with photography, not professionally but as a hobby," he said.











Callie Meserole

Callie Meserole was a junior from Westfield, New Jersey, majoring in Fine Arts and double-minoring in Journalism/Mass Communication and Psychology. Even as a child, she knew that art was her passion.

"I realized from a young age that I was a hands-on type of person," she said.

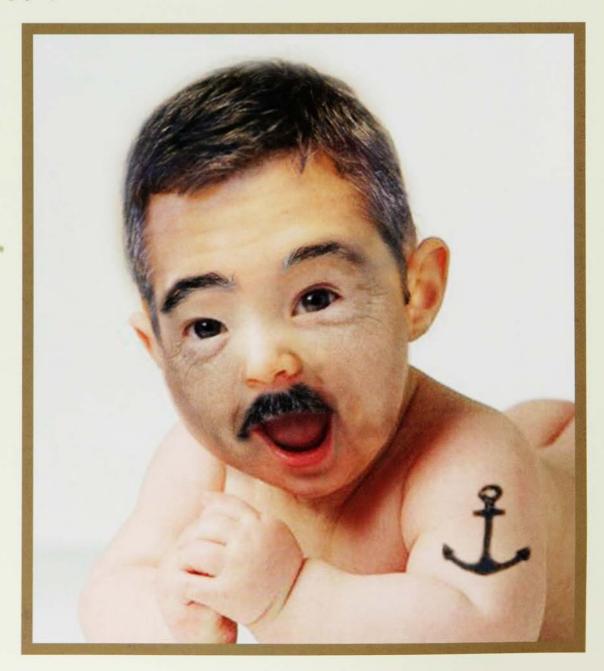
Most of Meserole's art was digital and she used Adobe Creative Suite, a computer design program, for the majority of her work. At GW, she enjoyed ceramics, sculpture and New Media classes. She claimed that the constantly changing dynamic of the digital art field kept her interested throughout the years.

"Everything is so different and it never gets boring," Meserole said.

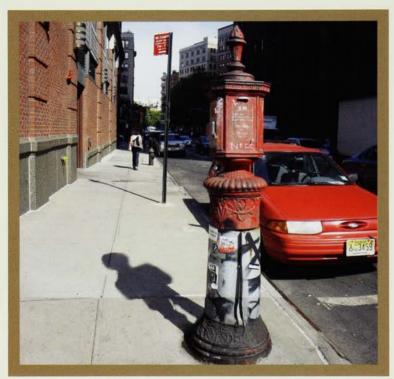
When asked to name her most beloved art project thus far, she could not pick a favorite.

"I love it all," she said.

During her junior year, Meserole was the Senior Photo Editor for the Cherry Tree Yearbook and a freelance graphic designer for a health company in Washington, D.C. However, down the road she aspired to work for Disney, Pixar or in the creative department of an advertising agency.









Susana Simon

Susana Simon was a double-major in Fine Arts and International Affairs, with a concentration in development. Originally from Miami, Florida, she could not think of a better major to combine her two interests.

"I want to create things that can capture people's attention," she said. "And art is a tangible way of making change."

After taking every design class offered at GW, Simon found a way pursue her passion for urban development through creative means.

"I get to express myself and have fun!" Simon said. "But also, I'm very realistic and focused on improving my technique."

Professionally, Simon produced graphic advertisements for various organizations, including the GW chapter of Invisible Children and Habitat for Humanity in Washington, D.C. As a senior, Simon's plans for the future were indefinite but focused.

"I would love to start my own business and go into urban planning," she said. "Maybe start an ad firm that focuses on development or work with after school art programs."

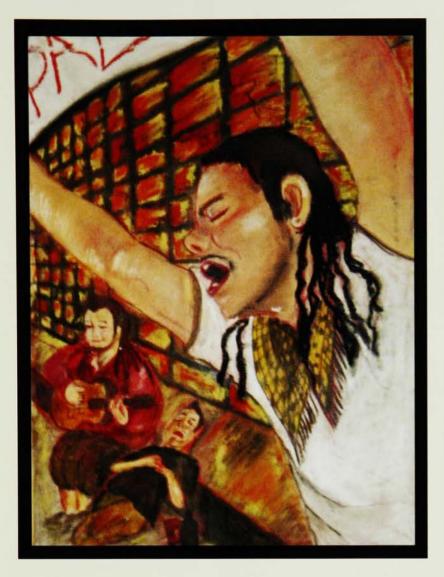
Simon's goal was to bring more creativity into American cities and suburbs so that people could inadvertently embrace issues such as education reform just by walking down the street. At the beginning of her journey, Simon had a good idea where her career was headed, but she was careful to leave room for growth in her work.

"I'm still developing as an artist," Simon said.

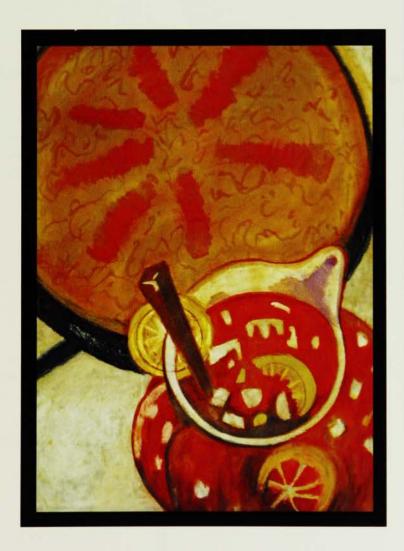
In the meantime, America had better prepare for some serious metropolitan revitalization.













Callie Barker









Emily Grebenstein

Emily Grebenstein was a junior from Hingham, Massachusetts majoring in Art History. As the daughter of an artist, she experimented with a variety of art, from paper making classes at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore to scrap-booking her journals. However, she developed a particular passion for photography during her semester abroad in Florence, Italy, in fall 2008.

"I chose Florence because of the amount of artwork there – it's not just in the museums, it's in the architecture, the culture, and all over the streets," said Grebenstein.

In Florence, Grebenstein studied Italian culture through an artistic lens. Her photographs reflected everyday Italian life and interactions between people.

"Italians are known for being so sensitive; there are no hidden vowels in their language," said Grebenstein. "I tired to capture their smooth and tender interactions on camera."

At GW, Grebenstein focused her coursework on art history classes but she also experimented with one drawing class. She particularly enjoyed Renaissance, Medieval art, neo-classicism, and European art from the 16th to 19th century. Photography was a new interest that Grebenstein aspired to develop.

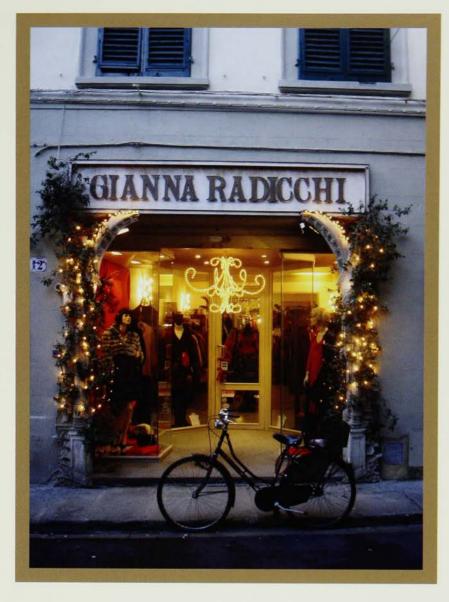
"I've always had a camera, but my abroad experience has taught me how to capture a moment with it," said Grebenstein.

Although her future plans were uncertain, she hoped to study art history, particularly medieval art, more in depth at graduate school in Scotland. Grebenstein intended to sharpen her skills and continue to document her travels through photography.











Bethany Thomas

Bethany Thomas was a sophomore from Santa Monica, California, majoring in Fine Arts with a concentration in Photography. She fell in love with art when an 8th grade project required her to make a camera out of oatmeal tins.

"The whole process totally fascinated me so I took a real black-and-white class my freshman year of high school and fell in love with photography," said Thomas.

At GW, Thomas took Intro to Black and White Photo, Color Photo, Landscape Photo and Drawing I, but she also experimented with classes in black and white photography, stained glass and ceramics. Recently, she took an interest in digital printing and photographing the city at night. Thomas especially enjoyed including people in her photography.

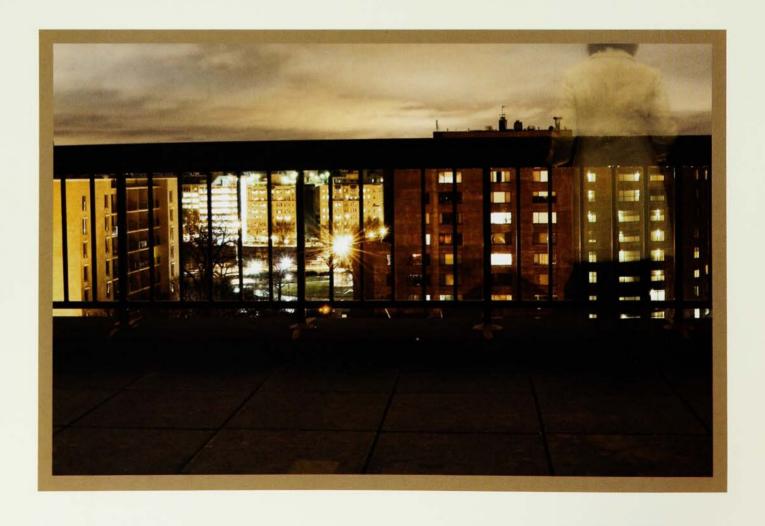
"I love taking pictures of people in their natural environments," said Thomas.

Thomas's favorite art project thus far was creating a picture series on ghosts for her color photography class in fall 2008.

"I played around with props, like bed sheets, and used a lighting and a partial exposure technique in order to create images that looked like ghosts," Thomas said.

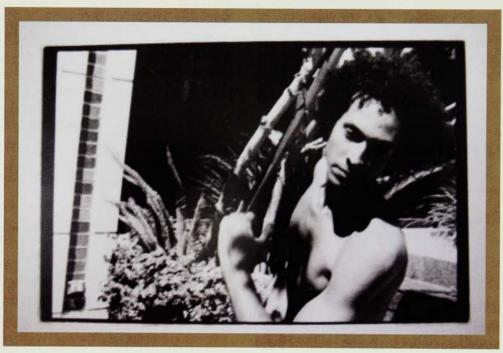
Professionally, Thomas took promotional photography for student theater productions on campus and pictures for the GW Student Theater Prom. Ideally, she hoped to do freelance work for a magazine and incorporate her love of music into her future career.

"If I could be a musician and a photographer at the same time, that would be amazing," said Thomas.











Lindsay Routt

Lindsay Routt was a junior double majoring in Fine Arts and American Studies, and minoring in Spanish Language and Literature.

Art was a lifelong hobby for Routt, but it was not until her life drawing class in high school that she realized she wanted to build a career by combining art and education.

"I don't do one specific sort of art," Routt said. "I consider what I do to always be building."

At GW, Routt took Intro to Sculpture, Drawing, Installation Art, Oil Painting, Black and White Photography, and contemporary art history, among several others. One of her favorite projects thus far was her Installation class, when she set up a giant white sculpture between Smith and Phillips Halls on the GW campus and documented the graffiti that people drew on it over the course of a week.

"I have always loved graffiti," said Routt. "If it's bright, colorful, random, looks like it doesn't belong, it's part of the package."

During her junior year, Routt interned at the Arlington Arts Center but her professional experience also included the Amistad Center at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford, the oldest private museum in the U.S. that advocated for African American contemporary art. Routt also helped teach photography to young artists in Hartford, Connecticut.

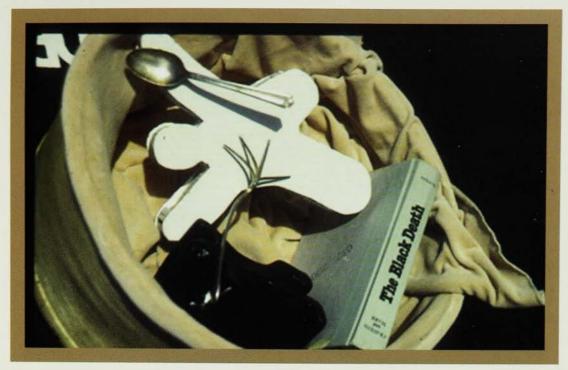
"Art is always about trying to express and idea or make a visual interpretation of something," said Routt.

In the next few years, Routt hoped to develop grassroots arts programs that complimented and worked with the public education system to help D.C. youth express themselves through art.

"I see the ability for art to change me, help to change the way schools are set up, and how art can be educational and radical at the same time," Routt said.











Lisa Galano

Lisa Galano, a junior from Cold Spring Harbor, New York, was an Interior Design major with a minor in Fine Arts. She inherited her love of art from the Italian side of her family, which was full of painters and artists. She took art courses since the age of seven and knew that she would make a career out her artistic talents since high school.

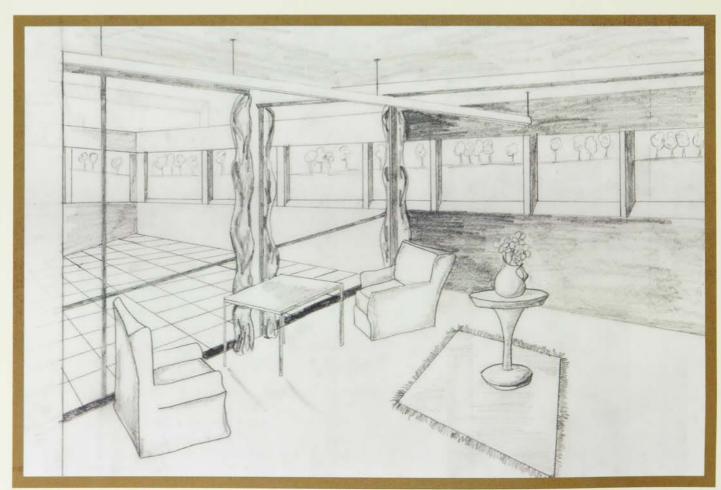
"I have been surrounded by the arts for as long as I can remember," said Galano.

Galano preferred to create the design of the interior space, but she also enjoyed sculpture in all mediums as well as everyday sketching and abstract drawing. At GW, Galano took design intensive courses such as Residential and Commercial Design, Lighting Design, Textiles and Finished Materials, 2 and 3-D Design, and all levels of drawing. During her junior spring semester, she studied at the Boston Architectural College in Boston, Massachusetts, where she focused on a new computer drafting program, Revit, which allowed the 3-D drafting and building of a design model.

"I tend to take my inspiration from current events, present to historical figures and icons, as well as specific eras' inspirations," said Galano.

Professionally, Galano worked as an assistant to a high-end residential and commercial design firm in Muttontown, New York called Kim Hendrickson-Radovich of E. Courtney Interiors & Design. She also interned at her father's firm, Joseph Galano Design Associates. In the future, Galano hoped to work in the art department of a design magazine or to be an associate at a hospitality design firm, preferably in New York.

"And of course, I aspire to stay content and satisfied with this profession!" Galano said.











Natalie Kornicks

Natalie Kornicks was a freshman majoring in Journalism and minoring in Fine Arts. Hailing from Vero Beach, Florida, Kornicks attributed her love of art to her father's genes, who was an art teacher in her hometown.

"Ever since I was little I always spent more time on projects in school that involved art without even noticing because I loved it so much!" said Kornicks.

Kornicks' favorite project thus far was an independent study that combined her two favorite interests: art and writing. She kept an artistic journal for one semester using only black and white techniques and incorporated quotes into her artwork.

"I took it upon myself to further my interest through art classes and projects I did on my own," Kornicks said.

Although Kornicks was only in her first year at GW, she experimented with a variety of art forms, from pottery and photography classes at The Vero Beach Museum of Art to a design class at GW. Kornicks also took pictures for her local newspaper and was a part of a design team for a literary magazine. In the upcoming years, she hoped to expand her portfolio with more design and drawing courses. In her professional future, Kornicks aspired to own a magazine that discussed social issues.

"I do anything from drawing to doodling to making decorations for my room to making presents for people, to painting to taking pictures," Kornicks said.

With such a wide range of talents, it was no surprise that Kornicks found GW the perfect place.











Stephanie Marden

Stephanie Marden was a senior from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts double majoring in Fine Arts and Psychology. She became attracted to art through her mother, who encouraged her and her siblings to create and explore new areas of drawing, painting and design.

"I discovered anything could be made into art, whether it was using chalk on my driveway, things I found in my yard, or real art supplies," Marden said.

Marden's interest in art was very multifaceted. She enjoyed different art forms such as painting with oil pastels, working with charcoal, and embroidering with felt.

"I really think there is no difference between art and crafts," said Marden.

At GW, Marden took a variety of courses including 2D design, 3D design, painting, and drawing classes. She admits that 3D design was one of her most challenging classes but also one of the most rewarding, as it forced her to problem-solve, be creative, and complete her work in a very short period of time.

"I spend a lot of time just looking at all the things around me; I'm very observant and I like to notice little details of things I hadn't seen before," said Marden.

Marden's favorite project was in Drawing II, where she was assigned to create a collage using 3 images. She chose to draw a woman, an elephant, and flowers because they were beautiful on their own and created an interesting contrast with one another. The drawing now hangs in her room as a decoration.

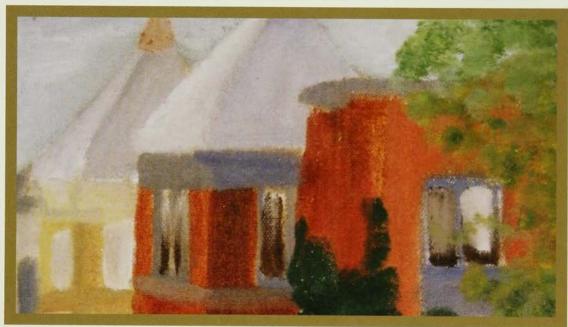
"I'm passionate about design and decorating, and I hope to incorporate those fields in my future career," Marden said.

In the future, Marden hoped to establish her own company and design products for the home, including wall art, textiles, lampshades, and other decorative materials.





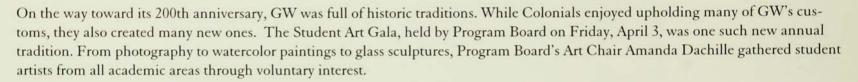






Program Board Art Gala

By Yekaterina Reyzis



"We have greatly expanded arts programming in recent years," said Amanda Dachille

Anna Thiergartrier, a sophomore majoring in international affairs, has participated in other undergraduate art shows and took painting classes in high school. "It is a really big honor to have my art displayed so other students can get inspired and create their own art," said Thiergartrier.

Another participant, Elsa Alaswad, was a junior in the Columbian College majoring in psychology and double-minoring in music and philosophy. She was excited for the opportunity to display her art for the first time. "I think it's been wonderfully organized," said Alaswad. "This is a great event."

Hopefully, this new tradition can be added to the GW legacy and continue to feature GW students in the years to come.























INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL Greek Men rose to the top

By Angelica Spanos

The Inter-Fraternity Council oversaw GW's fraternities as the governing council for the 15 chapters on campus.

The largest tasks for the IFC were fall and spring Rush. With the increasing popularity of the Greek system, Rush was an essential event and was planned months in advance.

The IFC had a busy year between planning and setting up events for the Greek community, handling judicial matters, and communicating news to the chapters they governed.

IFC, the National Panhellenic Association, the Multicultural Greek Council, and the Student Association created the first annual all-Greek formal, the Unity Ball.

Bob Kickish, the President of IFC, played a major role in communicating to the University administration on behalf of the Greek organizations.

Kickish said, "I can walk right in an administration office and lay down the concerns that Greek life has and am able to get things done."

IFC took pride in all the members of its organizations and boasted how its men were well found leaders on campus.

"Greeks are not only taking over numbers wise, but more and more leadership positions at GW are being taken over by Greeks. The caliber of Greek students changed for the better; they became the biggest leaders on campus," said Kickish.



The International Fraternity Council officers were Bob Kickish, Andy Stoltzfus, Jimmy Clarkin, Jeremy Stone, Zach Baum, Jordan Teller and Edward O'Neil. The IFC e-board had weekly meetings in their office in the Marvin Center.



National Panhellenic Association Biggest pride: our people

By Angelica Spanos

The National Panhellenic Association and the nine sororities on campus built their relationship with a strong foundation to remain an influential voice on campus. Panhel forded the opportunity for all sororities to come together to reach goals that improved the well-built Greek community.

Panhel served as a liaison between the University and the sororities and was made up of nine elected members from all of the sorority chapters. They held weekly meetings with delegates, members from each sorority who relayed their information back to their respective chapters.

With the diversity and dedication of women involved in Panhel, there were constantly new ideas and events executed throughout the year. The members stayed busy working to help hear out chapters' concerns, suggestions and ideas. Planning events such as the Week of Sisterly Love, Greek Week and other activities, the board had a strong influence on the Panhellenic women on campus.

"I am so lucky to have met the women I worked with in Panel. I would have never met them otherwise if I had not done Panhel or been in the community," said Claire Low, President of Panhel. "It gave me a wider sense of Greek life and the diversity of all women involved."

The women of Panhel worked closely with the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Multicultural Greek Council and the Student Association to formulate the Greek Unity Ball and put on an Olympic themed Greek Week.

"They are so involved in the community, not just in Greek life and their own chapters. These women are so dedicated to making the best out of their experience on Panhel," said Low.



The Panhellenic Council officers were Stephanie Brooks, Claire Low, Amanda Guacayco, Lindsay Goldberg, Laura Levenberg, Kiki Vouwie, Hilary Peltz, and Hillary Richards. The Panhel e-board met weekly and were accompanied by Dean Harwood, Director of Greek Life.

Multicultural Greek Council

Promoted cultural diversity

By Angelica Spanos

The Multicultural Greek Council acted as the governing council for all multicultural Greek chapters on campus. MGC oversaw individual chapter activities, but also functioned as their own organization by holding philanthropy and community focused events.

"We strive to educate GW about multicultural Greek life, what we stand for and what we do in the community today. We do this by encouraging cultural diversity and unity on campus," said Tura Woods, president of the MGC.

One of the MGC's main events was MGC Week, a large scale week full of different events every day and night. It was kicked off with a welcome barbeque, and its highlights included "Greek Jeopardy" and a forum, "Greeks and Politics- Demystification of the Vote," a dialogue forum between students and the community about the election.

The MGC devoted a majority of their programming to the direct D.C. community. The MGC networked with other chapters at surrounding universities including University of Maryland, Georgetown and Howard. The MGC maintained strong relations with the chapters at these schools, and they frequently collaborated on events and attended each other's philanthropies around the District.

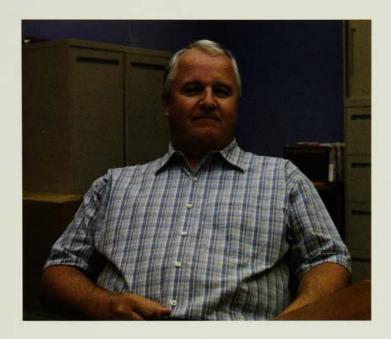
Woods and the MGC worked hard to build strong relationships with the various parts of campus. "I love being able to work with so many types of people on different levels, from students, to staff, to faculty, to administration," said Woods. "It is really exciting to see the evolution of the MGC as a whole and how we made our presence known at GW more than ever before."



The Multicultural Greek Council e-board unites all Greek letter organizations with similar missions, but still allowed them to remain unique. The MGC officers were Tura Woods, Lori-Ann Lowe, Aakash Butala, Tiffany Yi, Jeffrey Chan, Shawna Butler, and Alex Grasi.



DEAN HARWOOD Director of Greek Life



By Angelica Spanos

Dean Harwood oversaw the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association and the Multicultural Greek Council. He dedicated countless hours during school, week nights, and weekends to supplement the demanding schedule his Greek organizations embodied.

"It is never the same day, there is always something different going on with the students," said Harwood.

As a liaison between national chapters, advisors, alumni and the University, Harwood worked closely with the Greeks on campus. When members of IFC, Panhel and MGC had questions, ideas, suggestions, or even problems they turned to Harwood. Harwood and these organizations maintained a very close relationship in order to execute all their Greek wide activities and contribute to the flourishing Greek community.

"I really enjoy the students, and getting to work with them and guiding them to help achieve their goals," said Harwood. Acting as an advisor, Harwood could always be found in the Greek Life office during stressful times, like Recruitment and Rush.

After the year's Recruitment and Rush cycles, the Greek system at GW grew to its largest size yet, over 20 percent of undergraduate students. "Our limiting factor is now space, not interest," said Harwood.

Harwood moderated many activities that were planned and was almost always in attendance. It would have been a surprise to attend a Greek event and not see him there surrounded by students enjoying his company.

FEEL THE RUSH

Fraternities select their newest brothers

By Angelica Spanos

The most pivotal event for any fraternity at GW was Rush. Rush served as a modern example of survival of the fittest as fraternities needed a steady member count to continue or risk dying out on campus.

Record breaking numbers of men came out and attended the various barbeques, sporting events, and hookah hang-outs around campus to try and get to know their future fraternity brothers. Each fraternity hosted events for four nights, spanning from Sept. 15 to Sept. 26. The fourth night was invitation only. On Bid Day most fraternities celebrated with parties at their houses, bars or clubs. Potential brothers had almost two weeks to examine each chapter and decide which was the best fit for them.

The diversity of Greek men on GW's campus, whether it is through extracurricular or academic involvement, is a testament to nature of the IFC system. The 15 IFC fraternities gave wide-eyed rushees many options to make sure they found exactly what they wanted in a fraternity.

Bob Kickish was the President of IFC and worked extra hard on Rush this year.

In 2009 GW passed the 20 percent mark for percentage of the student body in Greek life. "We're really proud of this year, it was huge, we had 250 guys taken into fraternities, which was a record for the IFC," said Kickish. "It was a goal we've had for a while now, and we just reached it this year."

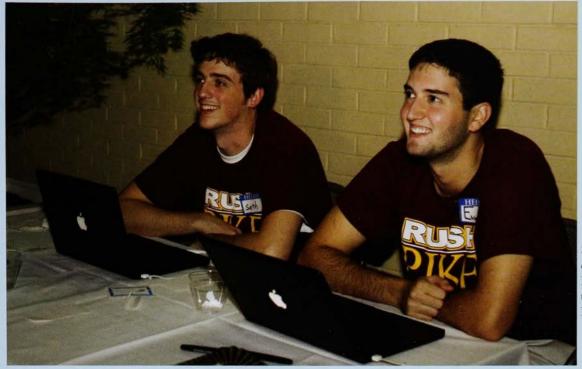
"I am very happy with the amount of guys we got to come out, and not only the numbers, but the quality of guys, which I think is more important," said Jordan Teller, IFC Vice President of Recruitment of two years.

Teller and the IFC organized and regulated the entire rush process to make sure it complied with IFC rules. Fraternities planned their events far in advance to promote their individuality. Weeks and months are needed to prepare for Rush week, in order to identify what kind of guys they are looking for and to ensure their events stick out among all other events. For example, Pi Kappa Alpha welcomed their potential brothers to Morton's Steakhouse for an elegant dinner the night before Bid Day.

Similar to the previous year, the number of men who were given bids remained high. Each and every fraternity brother took pride in the countless hours they spent forming their "perfect Rush event," and encouraged as many men as possible to contribute to the emerging GW Greek system. Rush was very successful due to the IFC working diligently as one, to organize the campus wide rush and promote Greek life to all incoming men.

"We are a bigger community than people acknowledge us for, and we do a lot of good and we're proud of it. We can't forget that," said Teller.

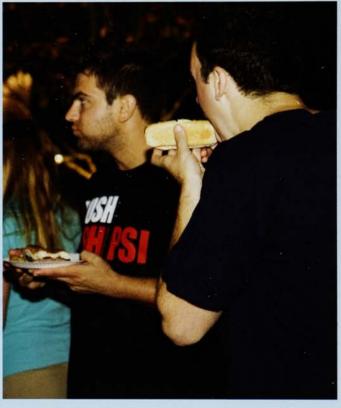




Seth Lyon and Evan Katz greet and check in potential rushees at their event. Fraternities used computers to keep track of all the men that went through Rush and attended their parties.



Brothers Zach Baum and Zach Hanover of Phi Kappa Psi chat with a rushee. Fraternities took over popular spots on campus during Rush week.



A rushee devours a hot a dog at Phi Kappa Psi's barbeque in Kogan Plaza. Brothers met potential new brothers, talked, and told stories over hot dogs and hamburgers.



Brothers of Sigma Chi hold a rush event on the top floor of Tonic Restaurant. Crowds of potential new members came to meet as many brothers as they could and enjoy the delicious food.



GW women find a home away from home

By Angelica Spanos

Waving neon painted signs, tote bags overflowing with gifts, and screaming chants at the top of their lungs, sorority sisters hugged and welcomed the newest additions to their families. Joining a sorority doesn't only last for three or four years, but is a commitment that will last a lifetime.

For The George Washington University Panhellenic system, recruitment was a long-held tradition. Although the process evolved over the years, the excitement of the women involved remained the same. Tuesday, Sept. 23, marked the end of a weekend of intense recruitment events that determined which house a woman would belong to through a mutually selective process. A total of 336 women received bids to the nine sororities on campus. The number of woman interested in Greek life and potential new members increased every year.

On Bid Day sorority members opened their selection letters in the afternoon at the Marvin Center, met with their Recruitment Counselor group at 5 p.m. and finally joined their sorority outside. The nine sororities took to their territory in University Yard, where they were clad in their newest t-shirt for the fall, displaying their letters and creative sayings. The new members swarmed to their sorority and immediately were engulfed by a color-coded sea of sisters ecstatic to see their overwhelmed faces.

"My favorite part was to see a huge group of girls, all in hot pink shirts," said Katrina Valdes, a new member of Pi Beta Phi. "I finally found my place at GW. I feel like I finally found my niche."

Sorority members knew all the hard work was worth the reward on Bid Day. "Meeting the new members in University Yard was awesome, it was a beautiful day out, and every chapter was yelling to see who could be the loudest," said senior Erin McAuliff, of Kappa Kappa Gamma. "It was sad since it was my last Bid Day, but the eager look on the new members' faces when they came to us made me realize it's their turn now."



Members of Delta Gamma wave signs in their air for new sisters. Many sororities presented their new members with presents and gifts on Bid Day.



Melissa Ventre embraces a new sister to Pi Beta Phi. Ventre was a Recruitment Counselor and was excited to be apart of Pi Phi again.



Kappa Kappa Gamma screamed as they met up with their new members in University Yard. University Yard was filled with the different cheers of sorority sisters.



The sisters of Sigma Kappa welcome their new members on Bid Day. Sigma Kappa displayed immense spirit at Bid Day and held up their giant letters.



By Angelica Spanos

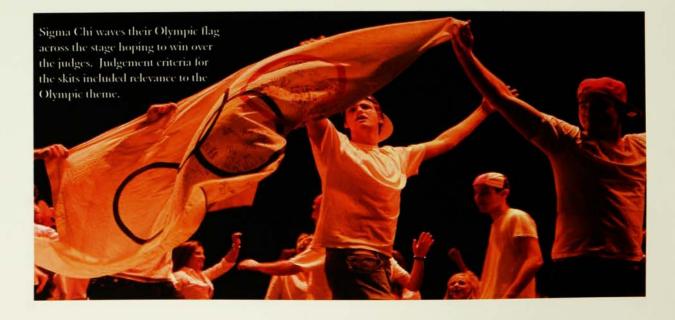
Where could you find bands of screaming boys and girls, Michael Phelps impersonators, and bathing suits matched with fish nets? At the annual Greek Week, of course! From Oct. 27 to Nov. 2, GW Greeks took a break from their mundane schedules to show their pride and spirit in anticipation of events and to be deemed Greek Week champions.

Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic, and Multicultural Greek chapters were grouped together to form teams according to the colors of the Olympic rings. The week-long competition had many activities each day and united students of all Greek backgrounds. The IFC, Panhel, and MGC tallied points throughout the week in preparation to give one team the gold medals.

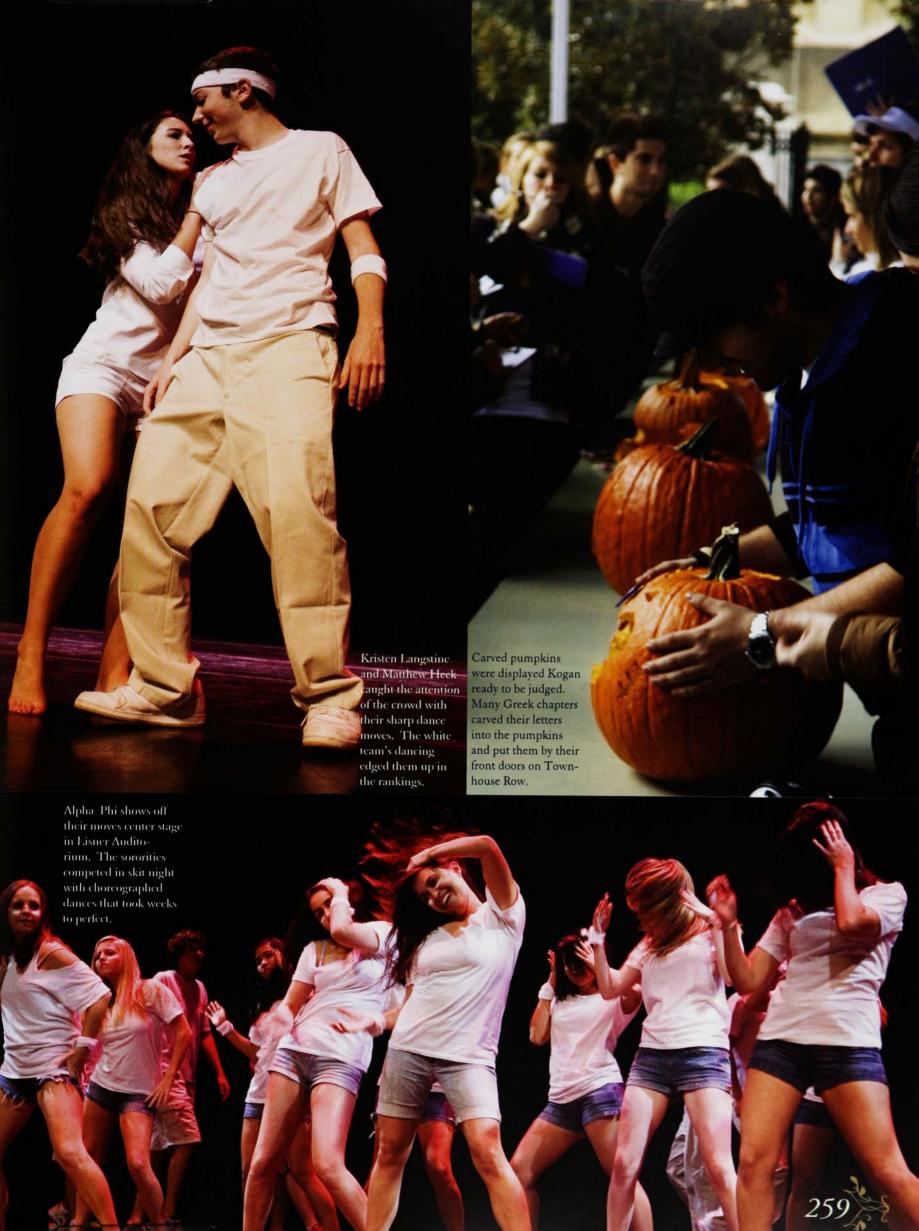
On Monday, dates were auctioned off at Columbia Square. Three thousand dollars total was raised for So Others May Eat, a private, community-based organization that helps the poor and homeless in the nation's capital. The teams' athletic abilities were put to the test on Tuesday at the relay race. On Wednesday Greek brought a plethora of pumpkins to Kogan Plaza; each team carved a pumpkin to be judged on creativity and relevance to the Olympics.

Greek Week was not complete without Skit Night. A favorite for everyone, skit night gave the teams a chance to showcase their dancing skills on stage in Lisner Auditorium. Skits included funny takes on Olympic events, appearances by Michael Phelps and top notch dances. Greek Week concluded with a barbecue on Saturday in Kogan Plaza where the winners were announced. Gold medals were given to the Blue team, comprised of Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi and Iota Nu Delta.

Greek Week strengthened the Greek's role on campus and made their presence more visible. James Clarkin of the IFC said, "I think everyone gets really competitive and everyone wants to win Greek Week; it's a big deal. It promotes Greek life in general and people know we are on campus, so it makes people rush next year."







ALPHA DELTA PI

Awarded Chapter of the Year at GW

By Angelica Spanos

In 2009 the women of Alpha Delta Pi were busy on campus and throughout the community. Between maintaining the highest grade point average of all Panhellenic sororities, hosting various philanthropic events, and acting as leaders on campus, ADPi was awarded the title of Chapter of the Year in the spring of 2008.

"We are so grateful for that title, I really think it reflects how much hard work and the high standards of operation we perform at," said President Sarah Sutton.

ADPi raised money for their national philanthropy, The Ronald McDonald House Charities. In the fall, the "Jail 'N Bail" provided a way to rally students and Greeks to help their cause. Sisters were handcuffed to another GW student for the day and sent around campus to ask for "bail money." In total, about \$1,500 was collected and donated to their philanthropy. During the spring, fraternities on campus competed in the Lionshare Challenge. The event was ADPi's week long philanthropy where campus fraternities went head to head in volleyball matches. The money raised was also donated to The Ronald McDonald House.

The sisters of ADPi grew this year by taking 39 new members, adding to their 118 chapter total. "I love leading this great group of girls, Sutton said. They never disappoint me; it is really rewarding."





ALPHA EPSILON PHI

Sisters sponsored one-of-a-kind events

By Angelica Spanos

Traditions of strong bonds and close families were kept this year when Alpha Epsilon Phi recruited new members into their sisterhood.

"We have a true closeness between our families, it's very unique, we try to get our new members really excited about it," said President Melanie Kimmelman. "We love to bring in the new members and show them that they are going to be apart of a close, new family experience."

AEPhi kept busy with many philanthropy activities throughout the year. In the fall the ladies of AEPhi hosted "Phi Hoops," a 5 on 5 basketball tournament open to all fraternities. The tournament raised money for their national philanthropy, the Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric Aids Foundation.

Combining forces with Sigma Delta Tau, the two chapters partnered to sell Mother's Day cards at Hillel. Along with the spring came the annual AEPhi tie-dye event. Benefiting Sharshert, an organization for Jewish women with breast cancer, hundreds filled Kogan Plaza with white t-shirts and left with new, colorful, swirled creations.

"Our goal was to reach out to the GW community through our philanthropy events," said Kimmelman.

The 38 new members were acclimated into the chapter quickly, and added to their total of 125 active sisters to help their efforts. AEPhi prided themselves on their close knit families within the sorority and their strong bonds throughout the chapter.



ALPHA EPSILON PI

Raised awareness for important Jewish organizations

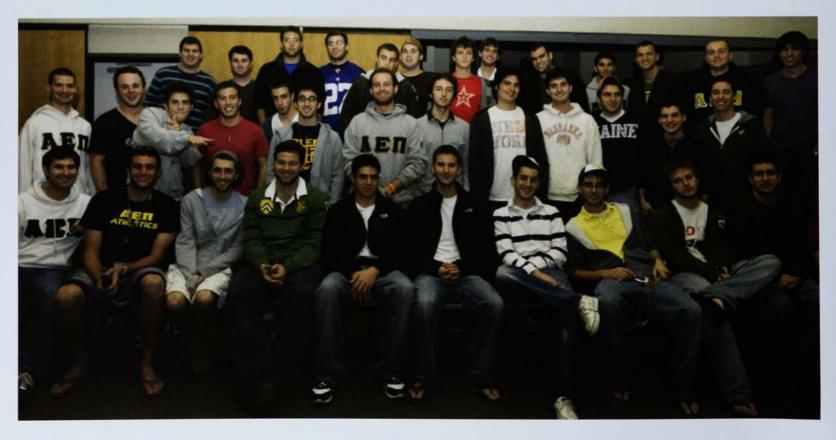
By Angelica Spanos

The brothers of AEPi kept their bonds tight and promoted strong connections in the chapter. A national Jewish fraternity, these values were instilled in each and every member and encouraged Jewish leadership on campus.

"We are always there for one another," said senior President Scott Schmelzer. "We do things for each other without thinking, like helping brothers get internships, schoolwork and family issues."

AEPi held social events at different venues and in their townhouse on 22nd Street. With the money raised they were able to contribute funds to American Holocaust Museums, Chai Lifeline and building hospitals in Israel. In celebration of Jewish holidays, the grill masters of AEPi catered to all who walked through Kogan Plaza. Brothers grilled hot dogs and hamburgers while they collected donations for the American Holocaust Museums.

With 112 active members, the 30 new members became a part of a very personal brotherhood. "Every single one of us knows each other, and not just our names and where we are from," said Schmelzer. "We are able to be there for one another, sit down and spend time together, seniors and freshmen."







Committed leadership served the community year-round

By Angelica Spanos

Utilizing their resources to the fullest, the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha participated in philanthropy projects throughout DC and initiated new events on campus.

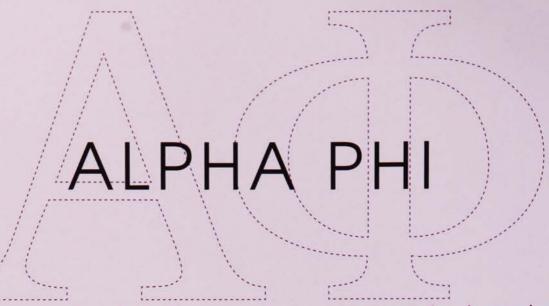
AKA's most popular event was the "Miss Freshman Pageant." Hosted on Nov. 9 in the Grand Ballroom, freshman girls participated in the pageant with the hopes of winning a scholarship. This was the first year AKA started working toward a new goal: incorporating technology into their service. Miriam's Kitchen, a homeless shelter right off of GW's campus, was lucky enough to be the first to receive donations and volunteering. Sisters went to the shelter and conducted technology, resume, and job workshops. Two computers were donated and sisters helped familiarize people with the Internet and computers.

Registering undergraduates to vote and encouraging absentee ballots were other important contributions to the community. In April, AKA hosted their biggest event, the Black Male Appreciation Dinner, where they honored black males on GW's campus for their hard work and contributions to the community.

"I want to continue the legacy that was left for me," said President Janelle Dixon. "It is rewarding to help others and we do it so well that it is something we can be very proud of. That is why I love being in the position I am in now."

Dixon and her nine active sisters cultivated and encouraged high scholastic standards, promoted unity, and studied and helped alleviate problems of all women in the immediate community and beyond.





Raised thousands of dollars and awareness for heart disease

By Angelica Spanos

Alpha Phi spent the year integrating fun with service and raising awareness of heart disease. In the fall, the sisters held their annual Red Dress Gala. The gala took place during parent's weekend and was a semiformal dinner banquet with a silent auction, entertainment and a speaker from the Alpha Phi Foundation. The event raised over \$10,000 for the Alpha Phi Foundation, which focuses on cardiac care and the prevention of heart disease.

Besides participating in fraternity philanthropies and contributing to other causes on campus, the ladies of Alpha Phi held "Phi Ball." This was a dodgeball tournament open to the GW community in the Lerner Health and Wellness Center where over 20 teams participated.

In the spring, Alpha Phi hosted "Heart Week," in honor of the Alpha Phi Foundation. The event began with a basketball tournament, "Hoops for Hearts," and a healthy heart barbeque where sisters invited participants to eat at their house. At the end of the week Alpha Phi threw a crush party where a male student was selected as the "King of Hearts" and then participated in a dating game.

Alpha Phi had a large chapter with 120 active sisters. In the fall, they took a pledge class of 40, who they became close with very quickly. President Ashley Rosen said, "We have a genuine commitment to each other and our community. We support each other if it's getting involved with other chapters or if someone has another cause they want to get involved with, we go full force with them."







Acted as diverse student leaders

By Angelica Spanos

The gentlemen of Beta Theta Pi started off the year with their infamous philanthropy, "Beta Cup." "Beta Cup," a soccer tournament between the sororities, took place in the fall and raised money for N Street Village, a shelter for battered women. Alpha Delta Pi won the bragging rights to the tournaments as the champions.

The brothers also participated in a yearlong project with a local church, St. Paul's Parish. The brothers made sandwiches and packed lunches to distribute to the homeless. Their strong outreach to the community showed in all their efforts; they even helped the University of Maryland chapter begin its colonization process.

With 40 brothers total, Beta prided themselves on being a diverse group of men with members from every facet of the University. President Tom Levy said, "We have guys in Sons of Pitch, we have varsity athletes, members of the SA, we are a good group of guys with nothing in common besides our brotherhood and Beta membership."

Levy loved representing the chapter as president. "I really enjoy sitting on the president's council and getting to know people from the other chapters," said Levy. "I've gotten a good mix of the chapters on this campus, through working with them, competing with them and sitting with them on the councils."





Hosted popular philanthropic and social events

By Angelica Spanos

In the fall the sisters of Delta Gamma recruited 36 new members into their chapter. Delta Gamma consisted of 110 active sisters who exemplified the versatile sorority woman.

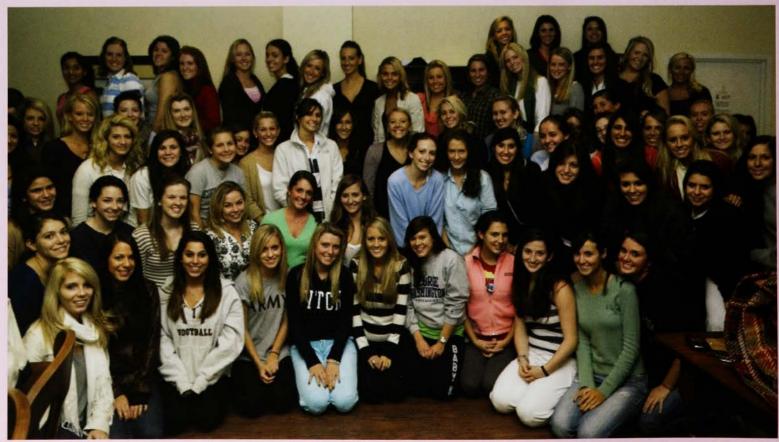
The sisters hosted two crush parties, one themed "At Your Service," where the attendants dressed as nurses, flight attendants, waitresses, and other professions in the service industry. In celebration of the new James Bond movie, the chapter had a Bond themed party the day after the movie came out. In December, the ladies ended the semester with their formal at the Corcoran museum.

Keeping busy all year, DG participated in Pi Kappa Phi's "War of the Roses," "Beta Cup," "Kappa Kickball," Tau Kappa Epsilon's "Turkey Bowl" and Pi Kappa Alpha's "Fireman's Challenge."

When spring time rolled around, so did DG's Anchor Bowl. A fraternity football tournament on the National Mall, the event raised money for Service for Sight, a foundation that helps the blind and visually impaired and raises awareness about blindness and prevention. It also provides services to those suffering from visual impairments. Anchor Bowl was one of the events that raised the most money of all Greek organizations on campus.

"Anchor Bowl gets everyone out on campus and makes us proud to wear our letters," President Caroline Emmanuel said. "Everyone comes out strong for DG that week and it's great to know that all the fraternities and sororities see us in action that week."

DG incorporated service with community outreach all while maintaining their strong relationships. "Every single one of us has respect for each other that goes deeper than just being in DG. There is a certain bond that you feel being apart of DG," said Emmanuel.





Helped African American students connect with the community

By Angelica Spanos

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated demonstrated their leadership and their commitment to public service. The chapter's community service and outreach work not only directly affected the African American community at GW, but also the campus as a whole.

In the fall, the sisters held several dialogue sessions addressing current issues. Two of the most popular and well attended were the Sister Brother dialogue, which focused on talking about black health issues in relation to gender roles, and one concerning diversifying the vote prior to fall's presidential election.

The chapter hosted their "Cherry Date Auction," which auctioned off students for fun dates. All proceeds were given to the Jean Al Noble Book Scholarship, an annual scholarship awarded since their charter in 1975 that pays for books for a semester. Throughout the year, sisters volunteered at Rachel Women's Center, a shelter for homeless women. The women participated in the AIDS walk and held meetings to discuss books chosen by the Delta Book Club.

The spring was highlighted by the annual Delta Week in April. This was a week of events that included a community service day, where sisters took volunteers to a local site to help with what was needed.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated had 10 active members that put in countless hours of their time toward the community. "Our most defining aspect is that we are very committed to the purposes of our organization," junior Kelley Stokes said. "We stick closely to guidelines in community service; we are passionate about community service, and use the work of the community into the work of Delta."



DELTA TAU DELTA

Made a strong return to campus

By Angelica Spanos

Delta Tau Delta planned a fresh start for their chapter on campus in response to the expansion of Greek life. The group of men who took head to initiate the re-birth of DTD had a lot of work to do in order to establish themselves as a chapter on campus. By tabling in the Marvin Center to attract potential brothers, the men of Delta Tau Delta were installed in January and worked hard afterwards to form a charter, the first step to becoming a chapter. During the spring semester, 35 men expanded the brotherhood through recruitment, worked to meet strict academic standings, and created a constitution and bylaws.

"It is a full time job, but it is worth it," said President Alexander Hills. Hills led the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in an all out effort to make their presence known on the University's campus. DTD looked for members who were well rounded and born leaders. The brothers kept the fraternity's ideals in mind when choosing to join Delt. Founded on the principles of truth, faith, courage and power, these gave the new brothers guidance for its membership.

DTD worked with the American University chapter in organizing a dodgeball philanthropy event that they want to eventually bring to GW's campus. The event's proceeds went to Bleed Purple, an organization for a Delt brother that has cancer. Their national philanthropy is Adopta-School, so DTD looked in the D.C. area for a school to mentor and help financially. Philanthropic activities gave them a way to bond as brothers and donate their time to the community.

"It's a great way to give back my own experiences to the guys. To get involved with different people and understand where people come from is awesome," said Hills. "We have built character with guys that have the same interests like school, academics and athletics."







Expanded from colony to chapter

By Angelica Spanos

One of the newest fraternities to return to campus, Zeta Beta Tau re-colonized in the spring of 2008, and grew immensely ever since. Zeta Beta Tau made their comeback spring 2008 and still worked this year to expand the fraternity. Some of their founding fathers were still on campus and these Alpha and Beta class members led the fraternity.

Through the fall the brothers continued to develop on campus. Participating every chance they got, ZBT participated in Alpha Phi's Heart Week, Pi Beta Phi's whiffle ball tournament and Tau Kappa Epsilon's Turkey Bowl. The founding members created their own programming for the future members, including social nights out, and brotherhood events focusing on the idea of building men of high value and principle.

In the spring, ZBT hosted their second annual "Get On the Ball" philanthropy. This event, where a blown up ball was rolled around campus collecting as many signatures as possible, raised over \$1,200. Greeks, non-Greeks, and everyone throughout Foggy Bottom signed the ball to spread awareness of the importance of children's health in the District. The money was raised for the Children's National Medical Center with help from corporate sponsors who gave a nickel for every signature on the ball. This event involved many Greeks on campus and created bonds between different chapters and ZBT.

Led by President, Alexander Klein, ZBT worked all year long to get the colony officially chartered into a chapter. "We can't do everything because we are small, but I am securing a foundation in order for us to grow in the future," said Klein. Klein and his brothers expanded throughout the year with the help of spring Rush and the thousands of alumni in the local area, one being former GWU President, Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.

Historically a Jewish fraternity, with a non sectarian tradition, ZBT included members of all religions and backgrounds. They were composed of campus leaders who demonstrated intellectual awareness, social reason, brotherhood and integrity.

"I can oversee a little bit of everything, I can work on pieces of each project that come our way aiding philanthropy, building the calendar or recruitment, I like the fact I can go into each aspect of the fraternity," said Klein. "I like being able to reach out to the other Greeks on campus. As a president, I am the face and contact for organization. I love being that person and being able to discuss greater Greek issues with other presidents."





Upheld founding principals while giving back to the community

By Angelica Spanos

This year, Zeta Phi Beta lived out the standards of their founding principles: scholarship, service, sisterly love, and finding their womanhood. The core of their programming was community service, as they hosted many informative events for the community to participate in.

In the fall the sisters walked around D.C. in the Help the Homeless Walk. Additionally, the D.C. sisters came together and walked to further the mission of their national philanthropy, The March of Dimes. This organization helped to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

The sisters educated the community by using the ZHOPE program, Zetas Helping Other People Excel. In the summer of 2008 they won second place in the eastern region for outstanding excellence in their ZHOPE programming by the national organization.

"We are really proud of ourselves and the work that we do," said President Vanessa White. "We have a lot of heart and we just want to help the community as much as possible."

The chapter hosted various workshops, such as "Love Should Not Hurt," a domestic violence workshop that was co-sponsored with the University Police Department. Additionally, the "Stretch It Out" workshop, a body based yoga session, was open to the whole community.

Zeta Phi Beta's three active sisters reached out to the community to spread their positive energy. "It's a rewarding thing to see how much we influence, even though we are small," said White. "We have influence on other Greek organizations, the GW community and D.C. community. It's nice to see hard work pay off whether it is through awards or recognition. Recognition comes in different ways and it's nice to know that people are thankful that you are around."

Year-long fundraising paid off in April at the March of Dimes. To raise money the sisters held bake sales, a card party, and reached out to restaurants such as Baja Fresh and Crepeaway to donate a certain percent of proceeds to March of Dimes. The sisters of Zeta Phi Beta focused on their community service as expressed in its motto, "A Community-Conscious, Action-Oriented Organization."







Raised awareness and money for cancer research

By Angelica Spanos

Have you ever played Guitar Hero outside in the freezing cold? In late January, the brothers of Theta Delta Chi did just that. Colonials spotted the brothers lounging in 30 degree weather sipping hot chocolate all in the name of Couch Potatoes for Cancer, Theta Delta Chi's primary philanthropy. The brothers spent hours in Kogan Plaza raising money for the foundation. This raised a generous amount of money for the Jimmy V. Foundation which is dedicated to cancer research.

"People see us sitting out in the cold and feel bad for us so we got a lot of donations," said President Arthur Goodland.

At GW since 1987, Theta Delta Chi strove to increase their presence on campus. With nine brothers, the fraternity could not be any closer to one another. "We are a real tight knit group; I know all of my brothers very personally, we are best friends," said Goodland. "This doesn't happen with fraternities of a bigger scale."

Although historically, the fraternity had never been large at GW, the brothers wished to continue to grow, but not so much that they would lose their identity. "I like the independence and freedom we have," said Goodland.

Goodland and his brothers participated in other Greek events around campus in the spring and worked to increase their numbers and publicized their fraternity on a larger scale.

"We all know each other very personally, that's why combined we are strong," said Goodland. Theta Delta Chi believed that every member must improve himself intellectually, morally and socially through their friendship.





Shared culture and raised money for charity

By Angelica Spanos

Iota Nu Delta, a South Asian interest fraternity, remained tight as a result of the dedication and loyalty of its brothers. The fraternity was comprised of seven brothers, led by President Dhruv Choudhry, who was the backbone of the brotherhood.

Although the organization was small they remained active on campus. The brothers sponsored and coordinated, Bhangra Blowout, an Indian dance competition. Raas Chaos, an intercollegiate Garba/Raas dance competition, was a weekend event that included a mixer for the teams the night before the competition. The brothers of Iota Nu Delta planned and helped volunteer at the events. During Greek Week, Iota Nu Delta joined Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi as the champions.

South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters was the national philanthropy of Iota Nu Delta and their official sponsor. The GW chapter conducted many SAMAR drives, where students could get bone marrow tests. South Asian bone marrow is harder to match so the drives helped spread awareness and attention to SAMAR.

Iota Nu Delta had strong ties to their national chapter. "We are different because we are very national based, it is very much like we pledged nationally," said Choudhry.

The 15th anniversary of the national chapter was held in New York City in February and the chapter sent almost all of its members. Due to the close proximity to University of Maryland, GW and UMD coordinated ideas together and had brotherhood events together.

"We are looking to do more on campus. Iota Nu Delta is becoming popular in the South Asian scene at GW. I was part of changing the structure and making us known," said Choudhry. "Establishing the relationship with the new brothers that come in and seeing the pride that they have as soon as they finish the process is very rewarding."







Growing brotherhood shared traditions

By Angelica Spanos

Having returned to campus for only a year, the Kappa Alpha Order at GW found a strength in themselves to grow, participate and flourish as a strong chapter.

KA rechartered at GW in the spring of 2008 after being off campus from 1894 to 1966. The chapter recolonized in record timing and was commended by their national chapter for the prominent achievement.

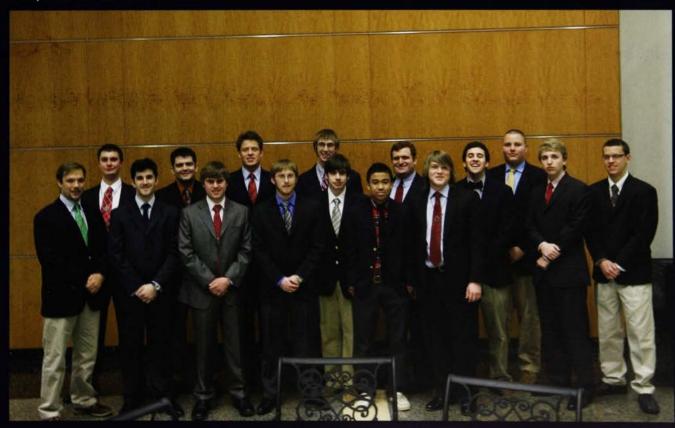
President Ryan Dring put in strong efforts to establish the fraternity and build a great foundation. "I got to see the founding of it.," he said. "We built it up from the ground together, and that makes us all the closer."

For the third year in a row, the brothers walked miles through Georgetown in the annual "Steps That Count" walk-a-thon for the American Kidney Foundation. The brothers also helped in the set-up and take down, as well as being general staffers of the event.

KA always supported other chapters; they participated in Alpha Phi's "Heart Week" and "Kappa Kickball." This kept them busy between seasons when they played intramural sports such as flag football and basketball.

Comprised of 28 brothers, KA attended Capitals and Wizards games as a whole. In the summer of 2009 the GW chapter held the Kappa Alpha Order national convention in Washington D.C.

"The fact that that we are order sets us apart," said Dring. "We look for young men that already hold values, we don't try to mold, we accept people that already value our standards."



KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

100 years and counting

By Angelica Spanos

The Gamma Chi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been on GW's campus for over a century, and was stronger than ever. In the fall, Kappa celebrated its 100 year anniversary with an alumni celebration that welcomed alumni from the 50's to currently active sisters back to D.C. Along with their notable anniversary the chapter welcomed 40 new diverse members from recruitment ready to quickly become involved in the Greek community. With 122 active sisters, Kappa is one of the largest chapter's on campus.

Kappa's national philanthropy is Reading is Fundamental, which promotes literacy for children. This year the sisters held two large events to raise money for RIF. Kappa Kickball, a kickball tournament open to all of GW was in October and drew large crowds of students, fraternities and sororities. Community service and outreach is an essential component of Kappa's tradition. To fulfill ideals the chapter's Reading is Key event donated children's books to local children at an all day long event. The chapter gathered over 1,000 books by collecting books months in advance. The books were taken to the nearby Boys and Girls Club and sisters spent an afternoon reading to children and distributing books. Kappa also participated in the other philanthropies for the Greek organizations. In the fall, Kappa was named the winners of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Sweetheart Week.

Kappa partnered with UPD to put together a Speed Dial 9 campaign, where they encouraged students to make the UPD phone number their 9th speed dial. To supplement their hard work the chapter held and participated in social activities like mixers, formals and sisterhood events.

President, Rachel Sussman leads the girls and represented the sorority on campus. "I like being able to put ideas into action," said Sussman. "With 122 creative, smart, innovative girls, it's easy to encourage members and help them to follow through."

The chapter received much recognition at the Kappa Gamma national convention, including the best philanthropy event for Reading is Key. Sussman and the chapter were very motivated. "We have honors students, dancers, varsity athletes, and more," she said. "Our members are involved in other GW groups, work, and internships. Kappas are excited to get involved in all areas of Greek life and of the GW community."







Established strong roots for the future

By Angelica Spanos

In May of 2008 seven young women established an Asian interest sisterhood that would combine their pride of their heritage and leadership qualities to create a bond that will last a lifetime. Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.'s charter class, guided by the sisters from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, became the founding members for the GW chapter of Kappa Phi Lambda.

The sisters hosted many events for the multicultural Greeks throughout the year. One of the most popular events was their America's Next Top Model: The Minority event, a cultural show providing information about Asian stereotypes. The event included a discussion of how to handle stereotypes. The ladies also collected donations for their colony philanthropy, World Vision, in which they "adopted" a child to provide monetary aid and clothing. Frequently tabling in University Yard for various events, the Got Milk event during osteoporosis awareness week was a large success. The sisters offered milk and cookies for students in passing and collected donations. The Kappa Phi Lambda's held a forum on different types of Asian weddings, explaining the different aspects of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean weddings to any one who wanted to attend.

The National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum is Kappa Phi Lambda's national philanthropy. It is a national organization that worked to forge a grassroots progressive movement for social and economic justice and the political empowerment of Asian and Pacific American women. The GW chapter held a party at a club and donated all party proceeds to the NAPAWF.

"Our sisterhood is unique, it brings together different and diverse girls at GW," said President Stephanie Ng. In the spring the seven founding mothers reached out to expand the sorority and meet more young women on campus. "This is the beginning of Kappa Phi Lambda on campus and it is full of promise and potential," Ng said.





Reached out to the local community

By Angelica Spanos

The brothers of Kappa Sigma created many philanthropic opportunities to share a common interest in the fraternity. The 19 brothers of the Alpha Eta chapter participated in several fundraisers on campus and throughout D.C. The chapter worked on philanthropy for Fisher House to aid injured veterans. In memory of Sept. 11 and Veterans Day the brothers passed out flyers for donations in Kogan Plaza. They also set up an online website so people could have directly donated online.

The chapter is always able to connect with other local brothers such as the George Mason University and Galludet University chapters.

"We have the only all-deaf chapter in the country and we see them very regularly," said President Garrett Atherton. "Nobody else has brothers right down the road. No one else can experience that because of the geography of the area. We are part of the community, we get to make connections with Kappa Sigmas from all over the country." The brothers were also active in helping colonize chapters at University of Maryland and Salisbury University.

A highlight for the chapter was when alumnus Sam Donaldson, ABC News Anchor came and spoke to the chapter about his time in Kappa Sigma. Frequently, different alumni visited the chapter and reminisced their memories of the fraternity and helped brothers network for the future. There are over 2,000 of alumni brothers in the D.C. area.

In addition, the fraternity actively participated in charity events sponsored by other members of the Greek community such as Phi Sigma Sigma's "Amazing Race," "Kappa Kickball" and Delta Gamma's "Anchorbowl."

Atherton said his chapter was very dynamic. "We have a high proportion of guys from Texas and Midwest, Oklahoma, we think you can come from different geographic locations and economic background, and still have a common commitment to the fraternity," he said. "It's our values that bind us together, and I think we do that really well."





LAMBDA XHI ALPHA

Connected with one another and nearby community

By Angelica Spanos

Lambda Chi Alpha gave back to their community with community service through the North American Food Drive, whichwas one of the biggest food banks in D.C. Through the drive, the chapter's national philanthropy, the brothers collected money and purchased food in bulk.

"It really does help feed the homeless in our direct community," said President Nick Trimis.

The fraternity also participated in many brotherhood events and hosted two large philanthropies for the community. "Blood Ball," their first event of the fall, was a volleyball tournament where sororities came out and competed to win. The proceeds benefited the North American Food Drive. Lambda Chi's annual "Watermelon Fest," a weekend-long event which featured sororities battling in an Olympic style competition, was held in the spring and gathered strong support.

The 28 brothers of Lamba Chi each possessed unique qualities that, when put together, created a great mix. "You get a chance to meet some people who have so many different talents and passions, just things that are so different and it really helped me," said Trimis. "I now know a huge array of people that I would not have come into contact with otherwise."

Amidst all their exciting activities the brothers also found time to participate in intramural basketball, arena football, and flag football, as well as other Greek organizations' philanthropies year-round.



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Promoted literacy, leadership and life-long friendships

By Angelica Spanos

Since its establishment on campus, the D.C. Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi grew into a strong and dynamic sisterhood. Their presence was felt as both leaders in the Greek community and in the GW community as a whole.

Pi Phis emphasized that their support system was a springboard for great accomplishments. "Our goal is to be the friends and leaders on campus," said Vice President of Communications, Christin Aucunas. "Every girl has something special that she does outside of the chapter."

The 130 active sisters were constantly busy between academics, extracurricular activities and Pi Phi events.

"I am constantly amazed and impressed by all the achievements of the sisters of our chapter," said President Amanda Dachille. "This chapter has flourished so much over the past year and I cannot wait to see all the great things we will do in the future."

In the spring, Pi Phi continued their annual whiffle ball tournament which raised money for First Book and The Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Both organizations worked with children to develop reading skills and a lifelong love of reading. Pi Phi strengthened their relationships with the Greek community by inviting other sororities to participate. The chapter also worked closely with local D.C. students at Thompson Elementary School. This further promoted Pi Phi's literacy efforts and encouraged a love reading through the "Champions are Readers" program.

Throughout the year, the chapter held various themed socials such as "P is for Pi Phi," where guests dressed as objects, places or people that began with the letter "P." Throughout the year, Pi Phi helped sisters prepare for life after graduation. They planned events that helped members become Professional Pi Phis; these events included etiquette dinners, resume workshops, and a visit from Toastmaster for a public speaking seminar.





Guided members to strengthen the community and themselves

By Angelica Spanos

As the first Asian interest fraternity in Washington, D.C., GW's chapter of Pi Delta Psi was founded on principles that promoted awareness of Asian culture among brothers and the entire GW community.

"Our mission is to maintain our fraternal existence by instilling values that nurture and perpetuate the continual growth and development of the individual through academic achievement, cultural awareness, righteousness, friendship and loyalty, while fostering ethical behavior, leadership and philanthropy," said President Jordan Rigor.

The brothers held cultural events all year long. Some of the events included a "Cultural Karaoke Workshop" and "Platinum Weddings: A Look Inside Asian Weddings," where brothers joined with Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. on Valentine's Day to discuss the significance of relationships in Asian culture. The brothers also hosted a movie night which focused on Asian racism in America. One of the fraternity's biggest events was a cultural variety show, a fundraiser for the March of Dimes, the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. They ended the year with the fourth annual Pi Delta Psi and Lambda Upsilon Lambda "Cultural Cook-Off."

The 15 brothers strove for chapter excellence within the GW community and hoped to achieve "Chapter of the Year" on the national level. Ultimately, the Pi Delta Psi brothers became more knowledgeable about various Asian cultures and were unified within the Greek system as a whole.

"I love being able to represent such a close group of guys," said Rigor.



PI KAPALPHA

Raised money for D.C. Firefighters Burn Foundation

By Angelica Spanos

The 133 brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha dedicated their year to developing a high-functioning and energetic chapter. Pike teamed up with other fraternities, sororities, student organizations, and the GW community to participate in various activities and events during the year.

In the October, Pike and the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. marched in the annual AIDS Walk together. The 5K fund-raising walk/run benefited the Whitman-Walker Clinic, a non-profit community-based health organization. During the holiday season, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta and Pike volunteered for the Wreaths Across America organization; they participated in the tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Pike and Delta Gamma partnered to donate their time to the Louisiana HonorAir organization. The organization provided WWII veterans, who were physically able to travel, the opportunity to view their World War II Memorial for the first time. They showed them around the memorial and spent time with them on the mall.

In addition to reaching out to the community, Pike hosted popular social events such as the "Pikes of the Caribbean" pirate party, "Pike America" and "Pike Paddy's Day." The brothers also participated in intramural sports and in the fall won the Pikus Cup, an athletic competition between fraternities.

Awarded by the national organization, the GW chapter of Pike won the Robert Adger Smythe Award, presented to the top five percent of Pike chapters internationally. "Getting experience with my peers and being able to make something I care very deeply about a success is something I'm happy I can leave a legacy about at GW," said President Nicky Sampogna.

The fraternity closed the year with the annual Pike Fireman's Challenge, a week-long event in which all 10 Panhellenic sororities participated. The event included a skit night, cooking competition, a party, Pike Spike volleyball and a field day. As of 2009, the event has raised over \$20,000 for the D.C. Firefighters Burn Foundation. "Fireman's challenge is the most successful and interactive event that the whole community is aware of," said Sampogna. "Our event has really transcended GW Greeks and it gets the attention of the administration and the community in general."

The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha took pride in their variety of accomplishments and took many positions as student leaders in the Greek community and various organizations that governed GW.







Shared brotherhood and traditions through community service By Angelica Spanos

The Theta Zeta chapter of Pi Kappa Phi had a busy year full of community service, brotherhood activities, and maximum participation in campus philanthropy events.

In the fall the brothers held their major philanthropy event, the "War of the Roses." The week-long sorority competition included a flag-football game and penny wars. "War of the Roses" raised about \$5,000 for Push America. Push America was founded in 1977 with the purpose to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities.

This year, Pi Kapp introduced a new project to their chapter when they volunteered at an autism seminar. The seminar invited members of Montgomery County, MD to learn about autism, spread awareness, and helped those with autistic family members learn to cope. The brothers devoted an entire weekend to take care of the attendants children. "We spent the entire time with kids and it was an amazing experience. It was the first time we've ever done something like that, and it was a great feeling to reach out the community," said President Bobby Roglieri.

Pi Kapp had several brothers participate in "Journey of Hope," a bike ride from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. In the summer of 2009 two riders from their chapter and one alumnus rode across the country. In addition to these successful accomplishments, the chapter participated in sorority philanthropies and strengthened ties by holding parties at popular establishments such as Hawk 'N Dove.

The 76 brothers of Pi Kapp received the Overall Academic Excellence award for 2008 and the best Risk Management plan at GW. They were also recognized nationally as a Champion Master Chapter, the highest award that any Pi Kapp chapter could receive.

"We have a really great brotherhood, we come from different backgrounds, might not have anything in common, but we are always bound by our brotherhood. We all have different interests, but our brotherhood really keeps us close," said Roglieri.





Exceeded expectations through service

By Angelica Spanos

This year, Sigma Chi's ultimate goal was to promote brotherhood, strengthen their inter-Greek relationships, and give back to the community, all while having an enjoyable time. The brothers surpassed their goal and went above and beyond to benefit the GW community.

Perhaps their most well know event, "Derby Days" helped the chapter raise money for a worthy cause while promoting campus spirit and unity. The week-long philanthropy consisted of a trivia night, skit night, and a penny wars competition for the sororities. The week culminated with a community-wide carnival in the Grand Ballroom. All proceeds went to the Children's Miracle Network, an international non-profit organization, founded in 1983 to help its affiliated hospitals preserve their public trust. Since 1994, Sigma Chi has raised over \$5 million dollars nationally for the Network.

As a social and philanthropic Greek organization, the chapter created a healthy balance of both. With a busy social schedule they mixed with sororities for many events; a barbeque with Delta Gamma, a Super Bowl party with Alpha Phi, ice skating with Chi Omega, salsa dancing with Pi Phi, a Capitals' hockey game with Phi Sigma Sigma, and pizza party with Alpha Delta Pi. Their annual "FrattyShack" party and Derby party were the most popular.

Sigma Chi placed a heavy emphasis on community service. They participated in every sorority philanthropy event, including Alpha Phi's "Heart Week," Phi Sigma Sigma's "Amazing Race," and "AEPhi Hoops." They also participated in projects at St. Mary's Court Senior Home, the Adopt-a-Family program, Casey's Trees and Wreaths Across America. Sigma Chi was composed of young leaders who shared a variety of temperaments. "We do not look to create a specific mold for what a Sig should be. Rather, we look to promote originality of ideas and personalities," said President Chris Cafero.

The brothers of Sigma Chi accomplished a myriad of activities throughout the year and remained busy in the community. "There is a sense of pride and privilege that is difficult for those outside of the organization to understand," said Cafero. "Beyond that, being the president of any student organization is a challenging and rewarding experience unlike any other on a college campus. I am very grateful that my brothers have trusted in my leadership and my vision for the continued growth of our fraternity."





SIGMA/DELTA TAU

Strengthened their bonds through philanthropic activities

By Angelica Spanos

Though Sigma Delta Tau supported many charitable causes, the sorority was mainly involved with the Prevent Child Abuse America campaign and Jewish Women International philanthropy. During the year, the ladies of SDT were very active in community service and philanthropies. They completed three major projects with great participation and enthusiasm.

In the fall, SDT raised \$2,000 for Prevent Child Abuse America with a speed dating event. Different fraternity members speed dated with sisters of Sigma Delta Tau. In between rounds the participants stuffed Halloween bags with candies and treats that were donated to local children for Halloween.

Every spring the sisters sold Mother's Day cards on campus. The chapter created hand made ornate and beautiful cards for the GW community to purchase and send to their mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other family members. All proceeds went to Jewish Women International, a philanthropy that ensured women and girls existed in the peaceful homes and relationships to which they're entitled. Additionally, the chapter participated in fraternity philanthropies including, Pike's Fireman's Challenge, Zeta Beta Tau's "Get on the Ball" and SigEp's "Sweetheart Week. The sisters also mixed with these fraternities for fun socials throughout the city.

One of the most beloved philanthropies for all sorority life was SDT's discounted designer apparel and accessories sale. A botique moved its merchandise to a room in the Marvin Center and sorority girls browses it for hours and a percentage of the proceeds went to PCAA.

All 56 sisters of SDT looked forward to the upcoming years as they prepared for existing philanthropies and readied themselves for new opportunities that may arise. "We are the smallest sorority, but are definitely growing in size," said President Courtney Rubenstein. "We had a great spring rush, with an awesome new pledge class, and will continue to improve to reach out to the community."

On a national level, the sorority won the Outstanding Alumni, New Member Education Program, and Most Improved Chapter awards.





Continued traditions and gave back to different organizations

By Angelica Spanos

In 2009, the ladies of Sigma Kappa worked very hard to raise money for their philanthropies. The two major events held were "Sigmalympics" and the 10th annual Senior Citizen's Prom at St. Mary's Court. These events benefited The Sigma Kappa Foundation, supporting Alzheimer's Research.

The Sigma Kappa Foundation granted more than \$1 million in Alzheimer's disease research and psychosocial grants to investigators and practitioners who were on the front lines in the fight against the disease.

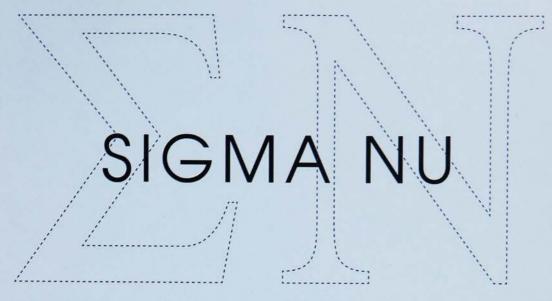
Sigma Kappa's spring event "Sigmalympics," was very popular with the Greek fraternity participants. On April 19th, fraternity teams assembled on the National Mall for a fun-filled day of field activities including a toga making contest, jello jousting, and tug-of-war.

Although "Sigmalympics" raised the most money for Alzeheimer's research, it was not Sigma Kappa's only fundraiser. In the fall and spring, Sigma Kappa baked delicious cookies, cupcakes, and brownies for a bake sale in which each grossed around \$300. The sisters also donated their time to help in GW's "KidsFest," where their booth helped the children make arts and crafts. In the beginning of March, along with Kappa Sigma, Sigma Kappa hosted the 10th annual Senior Citizen's Prom at St. Mary's Court for which was co-hosted with Sigma Chi for the first time. In celebration of Earth Day, the sisters participated by hosting a table at Green GW's event which raised awareness for another philanthropy, Inherit the Earth.

Sigma Kappa's 113 sisters never hesitated to volunteer and get involved on campus. "I am proud to say that we have an active sisterhood," said President Betsy Luxenberg. "We always say that you get out of this sorority experience what you are willing to put in, and you can definitely feel the sense of participation and desire to always be positive and keep Sigma Kappa thriving."

The sisters continued on their tradition, spoken and written, by following ritual from nationals and those specific to their chapter. "The women whom I trust and believe in are truly my sisters and have entrusted me with this great honor to carry on the President's legacy," said Luxenberg.





Dedicated to achievement and distinction

By Angelica Spanos

In March of 2008, the men of Sigma Nu hosted the Black and Gold Standard philanthropy to benefit the community and their organization. Sigma Nu co-sponsored various educational and philanthropic events with other student organizations on campus, these included the College Democrats, Allied in Pride, the ONE Campaign, and the Progressive Student Union.

Their Black and Gold Standard philanthropy kicked off after Sigma Nu approached the Volunteer and Development Coordinator for Miriam's Kitchen about holding an event on campus to showcase the art and poetry produced by Miriam's Kitchen's guests.

During the week Michael O'Neill, Director of Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau, spoke on the issues with which he works. O'Neill was joined by Roy Crabtree, a guest of Miriam's Kitchen, who read some of the poetry he produced the kitchen's the after-breakfast programs. O'Neill's friend and colleague, David Pirtle, shared a moving story of his time being homeless, surviving on the streets of New York City and Washington D.C. and in the shelter system in the cities before obtaining an apartment in the District. The event, held in Thurston, drew a large Greek crowd. Sigma Nu donated \$1,000 to Miriam's Kitchen after they sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts at metro stops.

The rest of the week was celebrated with a movie screening of Blood Diamond and a volleyball tournament. Participating teams contributed money for a brother, Stephen Muse, who did work in Kpando, Ghana at the Hardt Haven Children's Home in the summer of 2009.

Sigma Nu's first annual Black and Gold Standard philanthropy week culminated in the exciting signing of the ONE Greek Declaration by all the Greek presidents. It was largely a symbolic document that affirmed the signatory's support for ONE in its fight against global extreme poverty and preventable disease.

"It is our hope that by having the Greek presidents sign the ONE Declaration, we can start a trend and get the Greeks on other campuses around the country to sign onto it, bringing in a whole new dimension to the ONE Campus Challenge," said President Joshua Fischman.

The 23 members of the fraternity were committed to philanthropy and community service to a remarkable degree. They were a very tight-knit brotherhood of close friends and also were very diverse. "Our membership possesses a broad range of political and philosophical views," said Fischman. "The diversity seems to unify us, as we all complement each other quite well."





A brotherhood of balanced leaders

By Angelica Spanos

After being distinguished as Fraternity Chapter of the Year during the 2008 academic year, Sigma Phi Epsilon had a banner year at the University. In the fall, SigEp raised over \$32,000 for their national philanthropy, YouthAIDS, bringing their lifetime donation to over \$70,000 since 2004. These funds were raised through the annual SigEp "Sweetheart Week." In addition to this achievement, SigEp boasted the highest grade point average, earning a level above both the all-male GPA and all-GWU GPA.

SigEp "Sweetheart Week" was a week long set of events geared to raise both funds for and awareness of HIV/AIDS. During the week the campus sororities participated in events that included; a dodgeball tournament, an ice cream social, a safe sex pubic service announcement film festival and a "Wear Red" crush party.

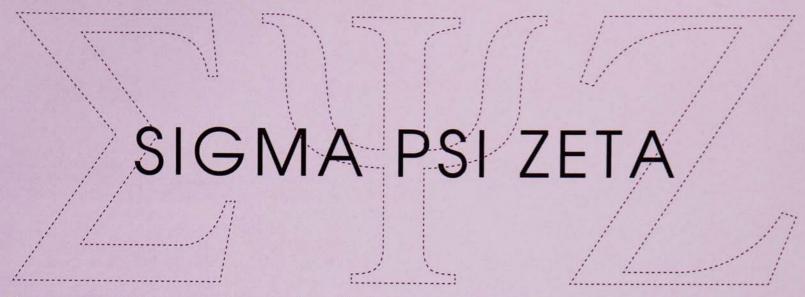
"We view ourselves as one of the model philanthropic-based Greek letter organizations on campus with our own events and being major supporters and participants in the philanthropic efforts of other organizations," said President Daniel Blumenthal. But, philanthropy did not stop here for the brothers of SigEp who participated in a combined 2,700 hours of community service in the D.C. metro area.

The 111 brothers promoted their balanced man ideal which entailed living a life which encompassed their "Sound Mind and Sound Body" principle. "We work throughout the year on academics with study hours and academic assistance while also providing educational programming and speakers for our brothers to help promote our Sound Mind ideal, said Blumenthal. Additionally, the chapter participated in intramural sports and other brotherhood athletic events like their Squash ladder, which stressed the importance of a sound body. The brothers also engaged in a variety of social events with many sororities and fraternities on campus.

The new member class in the fall proved to be the largest class recruited during fraternity Rush. "Our brothers are individuals of unique backgrounds and talents. We are not a cookie- cutter fraternity, everyone brings something different to the table as balanced men, yet we share a common vision and a common heart that beats as one," said Blumenthal. "We are a true brotherhood that is always there for one another."

Sigma Phi Epsilon was not only recognized on GW's campus, as the D.C. Alpha chapter made great strides in their organization on the national level. They were given the Chapter Home of the Year award and The Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse award, an honor for SigEp chapters with at least a 3.15 cumulative GPA. "Our brothers, having completed their undergraduate careers as SigEps, have grown into better men," said Blumenthal. "To me, the most rewarding aspect about being President of our chapter is being able to lend a hand in the development of men who are my brothers, while trying to create an environment and an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives."





Rewarded for continued activism and spreading culture

By Angelica Spanos

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. was one of the largest and most distinguished Asian Interest sororities both on campus and nationally. The sisters of Sigma Psi Zeta covered all aspects and ideals of their organization without spreading themselves too thin.

The eight sisters considered themselves a small, close knit family. "As a sorority, we strive to overcome challenges and commit to excellence in everything we do," said President Tiffany Yim. "We depend on our sisters for the strength and guidance needed to become strong, independent women. Each sister is individually unique, but together complete."

The Sigmas held a variety of activities for the Greek community. In October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month involved sisters and GW students to learn more on how to prevent domestic violence and what to do in a threatening situation. This included a self defense workshop, movie screening and a bake sale which the proceeds went to a domestic violence organization. They incorporated philanthropic events through their programming as well. They volunteered their time at women's shelters and with other projects such as "Feed the Needs," and painted at a local elementary school. They also visited their sisters at University of Maryland College Park, Unviersity of Virgina, Virgina Tech, Shippensburg University and University of Albany.

"Every time I wear my letters, I strive to be a better me, whether it be academically or personally, I am motivated to go further, work harder and become better. I know my sisters have my back and I have theirs. I could have not imagined my life without Sigma," said Yim. Yim and her sisters helped expand their sorority and looked for growth and positive change. Individual development grew within the chapter and helped the sisterhood remain strong.

Nationally, Sigma Psi Zeta presented awards once a year for their ten rays of sisterhood. This year, the GW chapter won two of those rays; Activisim and Culture. The awards are given on a national level which all chapters competed in, and the GW chapter won two of these.



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Love, Charity and Esteem lead the brothers to a great year

By Angelica Spanos

Tau Kappa Epsilon hosted a popular and loved philanthropy, TKE "Turkey Bowl." "Turkey Bowl" was a competitive flag football tournament between the sororities on campus. The tournament took place on the National Mall as the leaves fell, signaling fall. All proceeds from the event were given to an organizations for Alzheimer's disease.

The chapter consisted of 63 active brothers, all who participated in a vast amount of events on campus. TKE's brothers supported sororities in their philanthropies such as Alpha Phi's "Heart Week" Sigma Kappa's "SigmaLympics," ADPi's "Lion Share" and DG's "Anchor Bowl." TKE had other occasions to hang out with sorority girls, as they hosted mixers and socials, including a hay ride with Alpha Phi. The brothers were active in intramural sports and competed for the Pikus Cup.

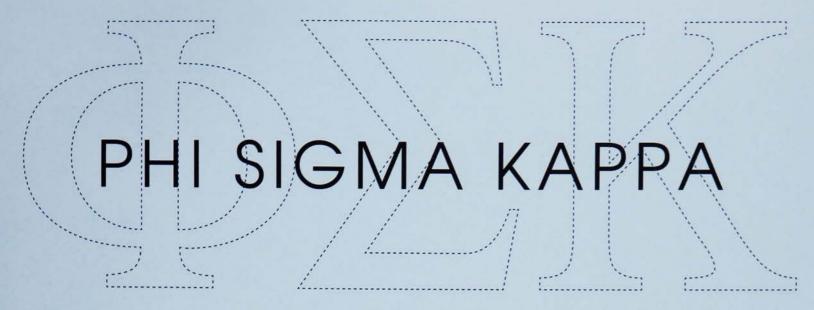
This year the chapter decided that the whole chapter would participate in Relay for Life. The brothers were one of the top teams who raised money for cancer.

"Our three brotherhood ideals, love, charity and esteem, help aid us while we are college students," said President Nick Casal. "To be a leader in an organization that consists of a bunch of brothers who want to support you feels great. Everyday there is a challenge, but brothers work with you to overcome them, because they want to."

In the spring, as the school year ended, TKE's brothers and their finest dates gathered on the waterfront in Georgetown at Sequoia restaurant for the Red Carnation Ball. The Red Carnation Ball, a formal event that closed the year perfectly, gave senior members a last chance to have a great night with their closest friends.

The GW TKE's were recognized by their national organization as a "Top TKE Chapter" for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years. This award was presented to chapters that excelled at "aiding men in their mental, moral, and social development for life."





Raised hundreds of dollars to benefit D.C.'s "Bread for the City" By Angelica Spanos

Over the year, the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa came together to raise money for a unique and special philanthropy, "Bread for the City." "Bread for the City" was established in 1974, and was created by a coalition of downtown churches to feed and clothe the poor. Phi Sigma Kappa recognized the organization as its and donated all the money they raised to the organization's cause.

Phi Sigma Kappa reached out to the local D.C. community. The chapter hosted "Full Service," a band from Texas, for the third annual concert in their house. With an excellent location on campus at 21st and F Street, the concert drew in Greeks and non-Greeks. The band played all night and the proceeds of over \$700 were donated to "Bread for the City."

When the weather was warm in the spring, the brothers rallied outside and collected canned food and clothing in front of their house. Students dropped off apparel, canned food, and donations to the brothers. Along with donating the clothes, the brothers also donated \$500 to "Bread for the City."

"Our house is a great outlet for us," said President Daniel Blake. "We pride ourselves as being one of two fraternities that owns the property they live on. It's something we pride ourselves on."

Phi Sigma Kappa participated in all major sorority events which included, DG's "Anchor Bowl", Sigma Kappa's "SigmaLympics," Alpha Phi's "Heart Week," "Kappa Kickball," Pi Phi's wiffleball tournament and Sigma Nu's volleyball tournament.

With 37 active brothers, Blake said the direction his fraternity took was very beneficial. "We are at the biggest we've been in a number of years, but we are happy with our size," he said. "We are able to have a bigger presence on campus, without losing our identity of being a small fraternity."





Committed to serving GW and D.C. communities in a number of ways

By Angelica Spanos

The men of Phi Kappa Psi worked very hard this past year to dedicate their time and efforts to help the community through service.

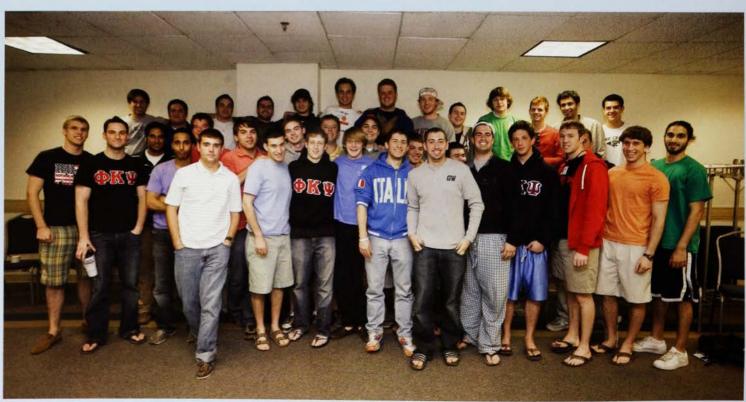
"Its not about giving a dollar amount, its about giving service. We want to give our time more than our money," said Vice President Matthew Sauvage.

Sauvage and his brothers lived through this ideal when they hosted the annual "Phi Psi 500." The brothers, along with members of the entire Greek community, pledged to perform 500 hours of community service. The chapter partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of D.C. Students spent a day at the club working hands on with children and enjoying various activities. Participants taught games, shared lunch, and got to know many children from the local area.

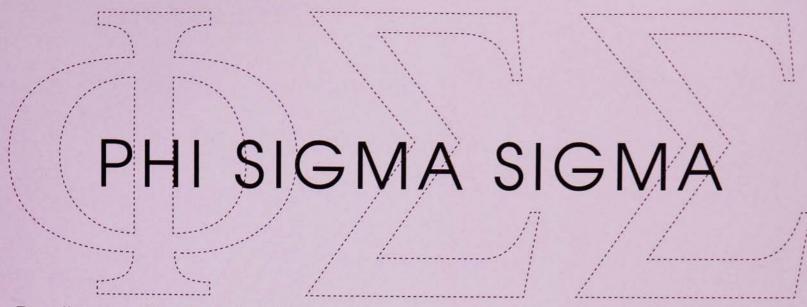
Phi Psi also gave their time to help support Greeks on campus by attending sorority and fraternity philanthropic events. Their national day of service in the spring was Saturday, April, 18. On this day the brothers attended Relay for Life at GW and donated money for cancer research. Socially, Phi Psi mixed with different sororities and held many parties. One of the most successful was a four-way mixer between DG, Kappa, SigEp and Phi Psi at the Exchange. The brothers also had a memorable night when they spent their spring formal cruising the Potomac.

Phi Psi had 89 brothers that formed a close brotherhood. "We take our brotherhood very seriously, and we do that for a reason," said Sauvage. "We want to have a solid group of people that can get a long together, this comes from our ritual."

Nationally, the GW chapter of Phi Psi was the largest private school chapter in the country. Sauvage said that the brothers owed this to their excellent recruitment in the fall and spring.







Dedicated to fundsraising philanthropic activities

By Angelica Spanos

Phi Sigma Sigma spent the year involved in internal and external events which highlighted their three pillars for balanced sorority life: service, scholarship and socialization. The sisters prided themselves on their active participation in both sorority and fraternity philanthropy, as well as in service activities in the Washington D.C. community.

In the fall, the sisters gathered Greeks to raise money for their local philanthropy, "Kids Enjoy Exercise Now." The event, "The Amazing Race," was a three-day conglomeration of events that included, "Mr. Phi Significant," a talent contest, penny wars, which pitted fraternities against one another, and the "Amazing Race," a scavenger hunt around D.C. that tested the strength, endurance and will of the fraternity competitors. All of the proceeds from the event benefited "KEEN," an organization that provided one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with mental or physical disabilities in an effort to foster self-esteem.

While sitting in a rocking chair for 12 hours might not sound appealing, it was a necessity for honoring kidney patients. In the spring, Phi Sigma Sigma hosted its annual "Rock-A-Thon," a 12-hour rocking chair relay. "Rock-A-Thon" benefits the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation and the National Kidney Foundation. Rock-A-Thon was held in University Yard from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and included live musical performances, bands, games and a raffle. Members of the Greek community bought hours to rock and come rock with the sisters. Throughout the year the sisters also volunteered all around the D.C. area at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, the annual National Kidney Foundation Kidney Ball, soup kitchens, and participated in tree plantings.

Beyond service, Phi Sigma Sigma had a strong scholarship progam and socialized through mixers and crush parties. Frequently, the sisters traveled together to movies and Nationals games. Phi Sigma Sigma was a collection of 103 women, from different backgrounds, interests and ideals, who have came together under a common set of values to form a sisterhood.

"While no two sisters are alike, what binds our sisters together is the fact that everyone can find something in common with one another and can find common ground," said President Madeleine Lottenbach. "This is my opportunity to directly give back to my sorority, which has already given so much to me. I would not be the woman I am today if it were not for my sisters who taught me the importance of leadership through service, lifelong learning, and inclusiveness."





New sisterhood made a strong and lasting impact

By Angelica Spanos

The newest Panhellenic Association sorority on campus, Chi Omega reestablished a home at GW his past year. After colonization was finished in October, the new members learned and dedicated their time to Chi Omega in order to serve to the organization that they would soon become sisters of. In January, 112 members were installed as the newest members of Chi Omega. The president and vice president of the national organization attended the initiation ceremony. The event was very important to launch the chapter's future success.

"It's been such a unique opportunity to form something from the ground up and I am so proud of what we've accomplished as a charter class and the legacy that we are going to leave behind us," said President Cora Walker.

Once a recognized chapter within the Greek community, Chi Omega did not hesitate to fully acclimate to GW Greek life by participating in Greek events every chance they could. In just one semester they won Phi Psi's "500," and AEPi's "SugarHigh." They also supported TKE's "Turkey Bowl", Sigma Chi's "Derby Days" and SigEp's "Sweetheart Week."

The sisters built a strong foundation for the chapter by creating founding families to give the new members a closer knit support sister for the start of their experience as Chi O's. The chapter held sisterhood appreciation where sisters secretly left presents for each other in their bedrooms. The secret was revealed at their formal on the Georgetown Waterfront.

"My favorite thing about being president is spending time with my sisters," said Walker. "They are all amazing individuals and when you put them all together they form a phenomenal chapter. I couldn't image my life without them."

Chi Omega's philanthropy is The Make A Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with terminally ill diseases. In May, "Swishes for Wishes" raised money for The Make A Wish Foundation, by providing friendly competition for fraternities going head to head in a basketball tournament.





Freek Excellence Hwards

Greeks celebrated their successes

To end a year of outstanding achievement, Greeks from every organization on campus united in the Marvin Center Grand Ballroom on April 19 to show their support at the annual Greek Excellence Awards. Since the founding of GW, fraternal organizations were a large part of student culture. Greek letters stood out on sweatshirts and t-shirts daily in Foggy Bottom. The Greek Excellence Awards recognized Greek organizations from the Panhellenic Association, the Inter-Fraternity Council, and the Muticultural Greek Council for their accomplishments throughout the year.

Greek organizations went through an intense application process for the selection of Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards based on their leadership, development, scholarship, service, general operations, recruitment and community relations.

Awarded Gold

Hwarded Silver Hwarded Bronze Chapters of the Year Greek Woman of the Year

Alpha Delta Pi

Delta Gamma

Alpha Epsilon Phi

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Sarah Sutton

Alpha Phi

Pi Beta Phi

Chi Omega

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Greek Man of the Year

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sigma Kappa

Sigma Delta Tau

Kappa Alpha Order

Joseph Buono

Phi Sigma Sigma

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Beta Theta Pi

Kappa Sigma Delta Sigma Theta

Phi Kappa Psi

Pi Kappa Alpha

Zeta Beta Tau

Kappa Phi Lambda

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Pi Kappa Phi

Sigma Chi

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Psi Zeta



Dean Harwood, Director of Greek Life, gave his closing remarks on the year. Harwood awarded all the Greek chapters Gold, Silver, or Bronze for their accomplishments.



Sarah Sutton, Junior, recieves her Greek Woman of the Year Award. Sutton served as President of Alpha Delta Pi and President of the Panhellenic Association



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at the Unity Ball. From 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. just under a thousand students entered the Capital Hilton for a night nobody would forget. Students immediately found themselves surrounded by hundreds of members from the Greek system, multicultural students, classmates and peers.

The Unity Ball was a formal gathering hosted by the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, the Student Association and the Panhellenic Association to kick off the start of Greek Week.

Hilary Peltz, vice president of programming for Panhellenic, worked hard for months to plan and create the night of her dreams. "I wanted to do something that had not been done before. Bringing everyone together to party at a formal affair was a great idea, it just so happened to coincide with the 150 years of Greek life," she said. "When I made it a co-sponsorship with multicultural student organizations, Greek organizations, and the SA, I knew it was going to be a great event." Peltz and Julienne DeWalt, cochair of the SA, planned the night out to perfection.

No one at the ball left hungry. Bordering the perimeter of the room were two cash bars and what seemed to be an endless table of hors d'oeuvres. Cakes, tarts, and fruit dipped fondue were piled high on all the plates.

The ball not only connected students of the Greek system, but members of other student organizations on campus as well. "Even

in Greek life we are just as diverse as the GW community and we wanted to highlight this and bring people together who may have not normally come together," Peltz said. "We were not trying to force people on one another; we just wanted to have a party to celebrate everyone's work and dedication to their organizations."

"I had a really good time; it was really great to see all the sororities and fraternities together in one place and all dressed up," said freshman, Tory Sheehan of Sigma Kappa. "It gave me a chance to meet people I would not have otherwise."

The event began with speeches and opening comments, followed by a dance performance by the Organization of Latino American Students. Afterwards, attendees swarmed the dance floor and danced the night away to the University's own DJ, David Young-Chan Kay. The dance floor overflowed with students dancing in groups, with dates, and even those who just made friends that

The classy affair celebrated diversity on campus, 150 years of Greek life, and gave members of the community a chance to become one on the special night.

"I was as happy as I possibly could be, I had to have had a grin on my face for most of the evening," Peltz said. "Everyone had a good time, and you could tell from their actions. I wanted to make people aware of why they were there, I wanted it to be a fun party that people enjoyed and that is what it turned it to out to be."



Hilary Peltz welcomes everyone to the ball in her opening remarks. Peltz said she would love to make the Unity Ball as an annual event but maybe downsized.





Senior Andrea Criollo performs a dance number with the Organization of Latin American Students. Students from both multicultural groups and Greek organizations packed the dance floor.



Friends review the pictures they snapped on their digital camera. Students did not miss the chance to make Facebook albums while they were dressed to impress.



Attendees enjoy the endless options of food at the ball. The buffet table gave everyone a chance to get tasty treats all throughout the night.



Emily Domonkos and Michael Passaretti dance the night away on the ballroom dance floor. Some students went with dates, but most went in large groups with their friends and enjoyed the company of everyone.

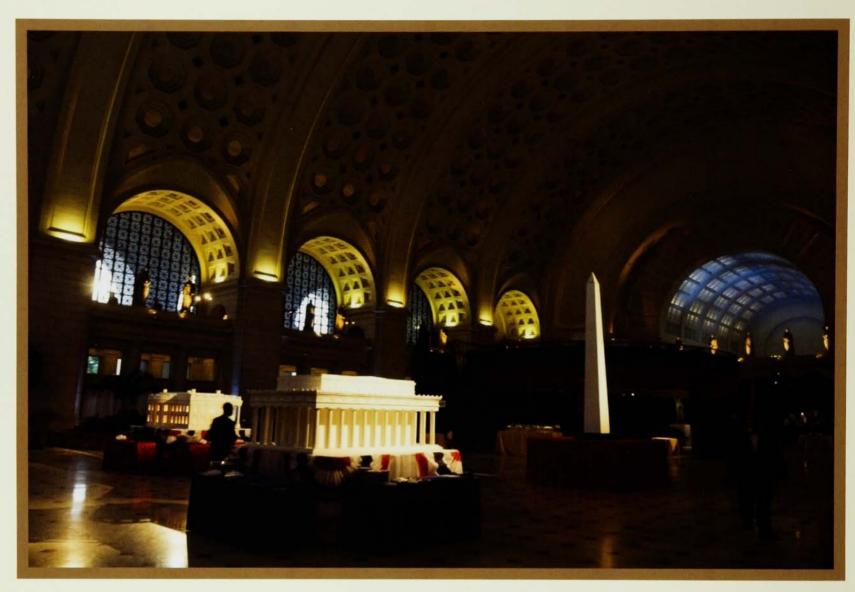




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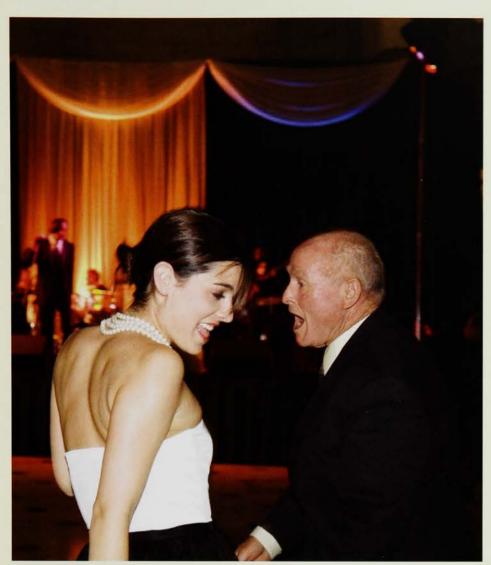


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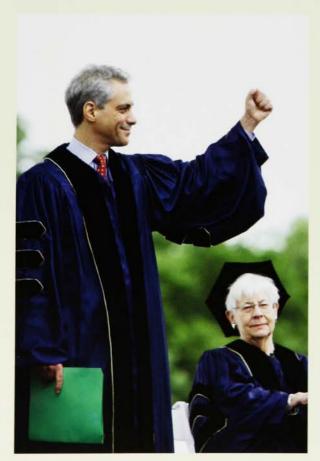






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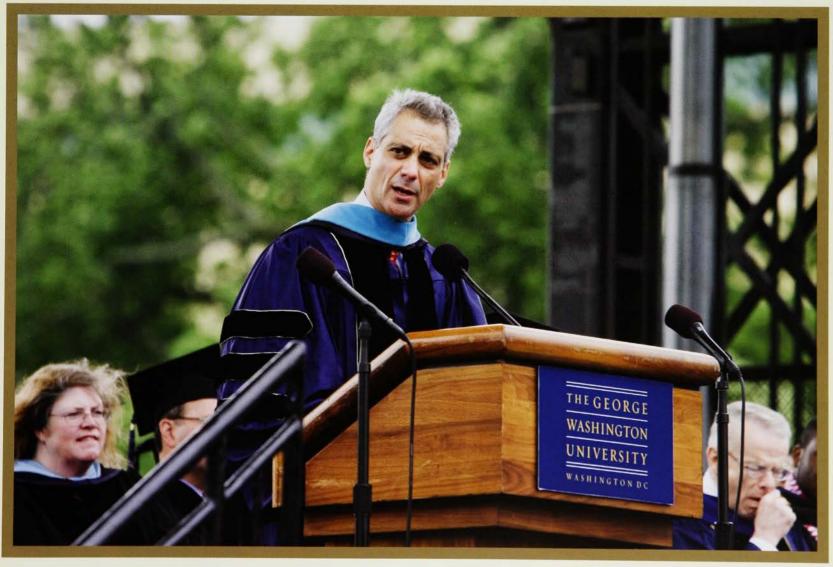














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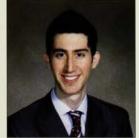
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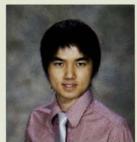
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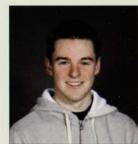
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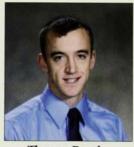
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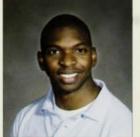


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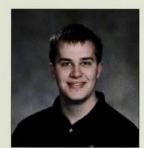
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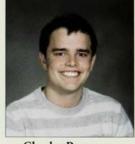
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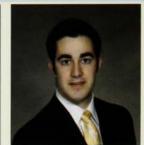
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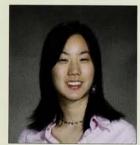
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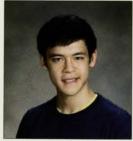
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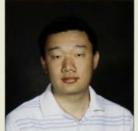
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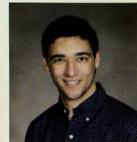
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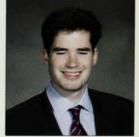
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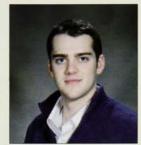
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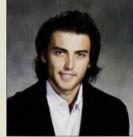
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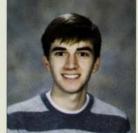
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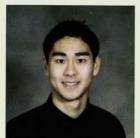
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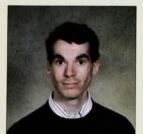
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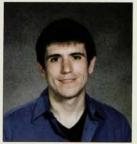
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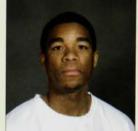
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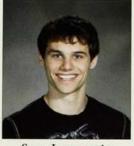
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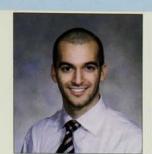


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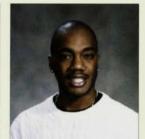
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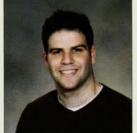
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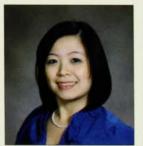
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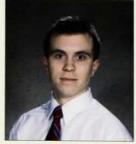
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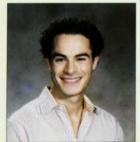
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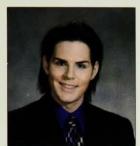
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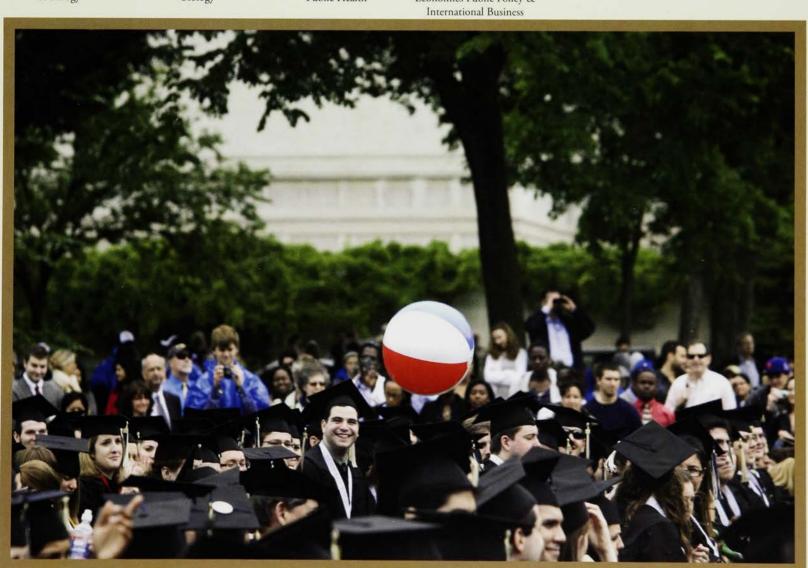
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Congratulations!!!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Susannah and Alexa



Theresa Starr Oliver

Dear Starr,

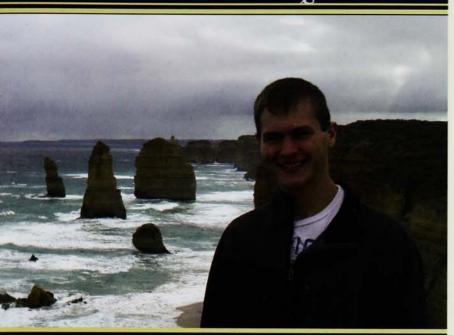
"With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter..." President Barack Obama (Inaugural Address)

You are a glowing testimony of the phrase "YES WE CAN" When a family sticks together it shows what a "STARR" can produce. You have endured the storms of life and stood the test and never faltered. Just look at what you have achieved. We are very proud of you and love you very dearly.

Your loving family Grandparents, Bishop Landon Penn, Madam Marie Penn, Aunts, Jennifer & Theresa Your Mother, sister Tiffany & brother Landon Your nieces, Aminah & Amaia

CONGRATULATIONS on your GRADUATION from THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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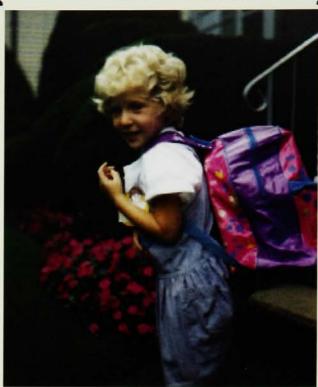
Dear Mark:

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You are an extraordinary young man of character and are destined for great success. Your happiness and enthusiasm for life along with the principles and leadership you exhibit set an example for others to follow. You have the power to make your dreams come true and we will always be here for you because we believe in you. Congratulations on your graduation from The George Washington University. May all the days of your life be blessed with peace, happiness, and fulfillment and remember to thank God for the talents He has given you.

With Our Love and Best Wishes Always, Mom and Dad



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Congratulations!

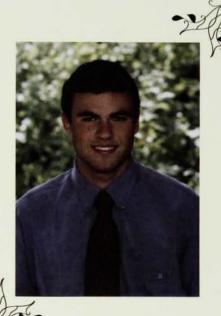
"So come on and let me know...should I stay or should I go?"
This decision is easy. It's time to build upon your academic excellence. The world awaits you. Go for it!

With love always,

Mom, Dad, Robyn, and Dara







Congratulations Alexander

Dear Alexander,

Congratulations on your graduation from The George Washington University.

We are very proud of what you have accomplished and of the young man you have become.

Your determination will serve you well as you pursue your dreams.

We wish you success and may your future be filled with joy, happiness and health.

Kali Tychi Alexandrouli mas!

We love you so very much, always and all ways

Mom, Dad, Daphne



Anne Blauvelt





Anne,

You are our Shining Star!

Mom, Dad and the Pets

Kathryn Meredith Prescott



Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations!
I Love you! Mom

Alexandra Leigh-Valentine Piscioner





Alex darling, our hearts are bursting with love and pride for you as you graduate from The George Washington University. This is only the beginning of your exciting adventure. You are a very beautiful, intelligent and talented young woman and will go on to spread your special "joie de vivre" all over the world. We wish you peace, love, contentment and creativity every day of your life. You are our inspiration and we will be here for you always. You are a star in every sense of the word. With all our love and devotion,

Mom, Dad, Taylor, Nana, Poppy and Romeo

Paul M. Rozenberg



Congratulations!!!!

You've always been one in a million!!
We are all very proud of you and excited about your new adventure!!
Have great times and remember that we are always here for you!!
Luv ya - mom, Alex, Tsins and Rozenbergs



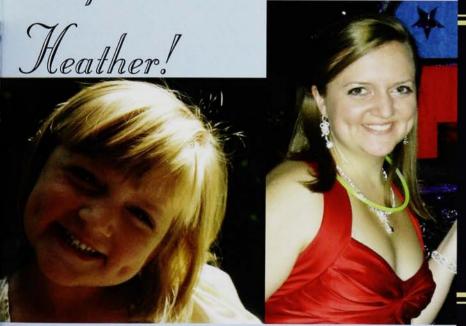
Jonathan Peritz





Congratulations. We could not be more proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Michael, Ethan.

Congratulations



Dear Heather

May you always have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough success to keep you eager, enough faith to give you courage, and enough determination to make to most of each and every day!

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"... Candhi

We love you so very much! Keep smiling!

Love, Dad Mam Michael and Nassa

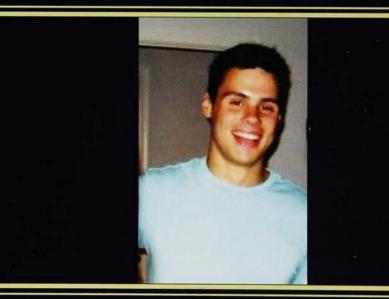
Lauren L. Reeves



As the seed to the flower and the step to the journey, where will you grow next?

Congratulations, Lauren Always, Mom & Dad

Steven Sciuto



Congratulations Steven,

We are so proud to celebrate your graduation from George Washington University. May this occasion be one of many memorable milestones in your life.

With much Love, Mom, Dave and Jill

Michael Brandon Zytnick

Dear Michael,

Congratulations to a special grandson. We are so proud of all your achievements. We know you will do great things in the future. Remember we have always said that you will be the future president of the United States of America.

We love you very much. Your Naimark Grandparents



Justin M. Szwed

Congratulations!

Love. Mom, Dad, Lindsay and Joe







Dear Becca, our wonderful, incredible, lovely, beautiful, brilliant niece! We're so proud of you!!

> With love, Aunt Lynn and Uncle Joe



Dear Jeremy,

My heart is overflowing with pride as together we celebrate this milestone in your life. You are a wonderful person and I know, destined to achieve great things. May happiness, joy, peace and good health continue to surround you all the days of your life.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" -Eleanor Roosevelt

Dream and imagine what you want your future to be and then work every day toward that vision, goal or purpose.

...and remember, the most wasted day of all is that on which you have not laughed!

Wishing you ONLY the best!

With Much Love, MOM



Congratulations Sarah!







We are so proud of you latest achievement – graduation from George Washington University.

May all your dreams come true, and may you have a lifetime of happiness.

With all our love, Mom and Dad

Jessica Lauren Meister



Congratulations Jessica! Our hearts are overflowing with extreme pride and love as we celebrate this milestone in your life. We are very proud of your incredible achievements at George Washington University as well as in your desire to help others and make a difference. As you continue to reach for the stars may good health, happiness and joy always be with you.

We love you very much, Mom and Jeff

Gregory Paul Rosen





You are "The Man with a Plan"; After all, when you were a child, You told many that you plan to be The President!!

As a precious toddler to an insanely loyal Mets Fan and now a Proud American, you always knew what you wanted.

You quickly learned that working hard helps you reach your goals. So, it is no surprise to us how much you've achieved in your 21 years.

Already following the path you've chosen at GWU Law, We are certain all the potential within you is sure to be realized.

But more than that, you are a bright light in every life you touch. You have always been destined for greatness.

As you have often heard from us... "go do what you do best."

But remember this most importantly: Follow your heart, Reach for the Stars & Know that our Love, Pride & Belief in you is as endless as your dreams

Congratulations on your huge success at GW, "Our Mr. President,"

We Love You, Mom, Dad & Carly

Congratulations Scott Rolnik



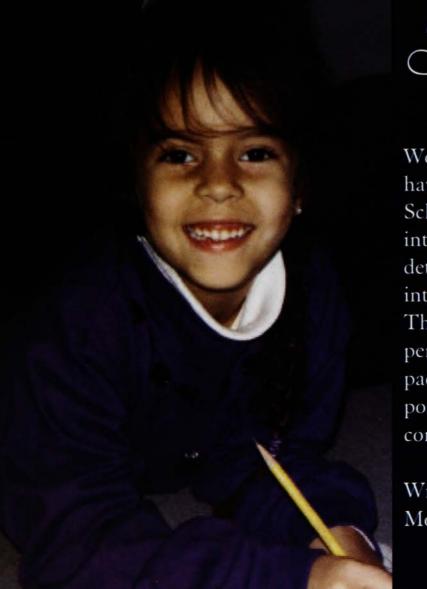


Dear Scotty-boy,

You were, and still are perfect in every single way in my eyes. You have set an extraordinary example for me, and I can not ask for a better brother in any way. I'm so proud of you as you graduate from GWU and enter "the real world." I am sure you will do nothing but great things in the years to come, and I will always be here for you. I love you so much. Your loving sister, Jamie

Dear Scotty,

We are so proud of you, clearly you are on the path to a brilliant future. It is a privilege to be your parents! We beam with such glowing pride about you and what you have achieved during the past four wonderful years of your life. The honors you have earned as you graduate from GWU, along with your academic achievements, and your seven months abroad in Hong Kong will bring you success. Scotty, your drive, motivation, tenacity, intelligence, sense of humor, and all around maturity leave us breathless, and this is all about who you have become over the past four years at GWU. You have grown into an exceptional man and are truly a son that will always be our pride and joy. Scotty, to all the roads you have traveled, now let your real life journey begin. We are here for you always. With all our love, your Mom and Dad.



Sahrina Kamala Patel

We are so proud of the accomplishment that you have achieved as a graduate from the Engineering School at George Washington University. Your intelligence, enthusiasm, confidence, courage, determination, tenacity, curiosity and perceptive intuition are attributes of a consummate leader. This combined with your infectious smile, cheerful personality, and great sense of humor is a complete package for attaining your full potential. The possibilities are limitless. The future is yours to conquer and we will always be there for you.

With much love and hugs, Mom, Dad, Debbie and Rapha

Sennifer Monique McLeon



Dear Jennifer

Congratulations on graduating from George Washington University and stepping closer to your goal as a medical doctor. This is a great achievement and we are so very proud of your drive, determination and cheerful spirit. We love you and we will always be there for you.

With Love Mom, Dad, Lateef & Stephanie



Vito Lupo



You've come a long way baby! Congratulations

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Becca Loewenberg





Dear Becca,

Over the past 22 years I have had the privilege of watching you grow into the beautiful, intelligent, caring and wonderful woman that you are today. I am proud to call you my sister and my friend. You are truly one of a kind! Now you are graduating and I could not be more proud of you! I know that the best is yet to come! I love you with all of my heart and soul!

Eric

Chase Muheam



Congratulations!

We are all very proud of your achievements at The George Washington University. You are a very special girl. We hope all your dreams come true. The sky is the limit. So reach for the stars.

> With all our love, Grandma Jean, Dad and Ellen



Angelica Spanos Deoudes



Dear Angelica,

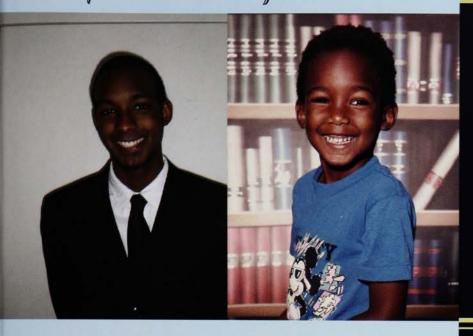
You are many things to many people, but most of all, you are loved. We believe in you, we pray for you always, and we thank God for you every day. Congratulations on your graduation, and remember, this is the beginning on many great things.

May God fulfill your dreams, and may you excel in the gifts and talents he has given you. Always believe in yourself. We could not be prouder and wish you continued success at Columbia. Do not forget that anything is possible if you have faith and trust in the Lord.

Our love always, Mom, John, Yiayia and Pappou

Xanguanii, Congratulations!

Katie La Monte





Surprising as we watched him grow,
Through all the things we think we know,
Like where he came from and where he's been,
We sometimes overlooked how much we grew because of him...

With much Love, Mãe & Pops Congratulations Katie!
We are all so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lauren, Grandma
and Uncle Henry

Congratulations Judith Mueller!





Dreams do come true and we hope that all of your dreams become a reality for you. You are an incredibly special young lady destined to achieve great things. We are so proud of your accomplishments and the wonderful person you have become. You are and always will be the best part of our lives. Your cheerfulness, kindness, and confidence will bring you much happiness and success. The future is in your hands! We love you so very much, Mom & Dad



James Phelan Robinson

Dear James

Congratulations on your graduation from The George Washington University! Our hearts are filled with such pride and love as we celebrate this milestone. We have watched you grow from a little boy to the young man you are today, and it has brought us such joy. Your inquisitive nature, your kindness and compassion towards other, your love of learning and leadership, and your devotion to your family and faith, are just a few of the reasons why the past twenty-one years with you have been so wonderful.

As you begin this new phase of your life, may you continue to embrace your faith and maintain the values that have guided you thus far. May your future be filled with much love, laughter and happiness. God bless you James. We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Kate, Mary, Kevin and Tim, Nan and Pop, and Grandma Jane, All of your Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

Aurora E. Stanton

All the world's a stage....

In desperate need of better stage management. Go set it straight, Rora. We are very proud of you.

Love Mom, Dad, Theo and Nate

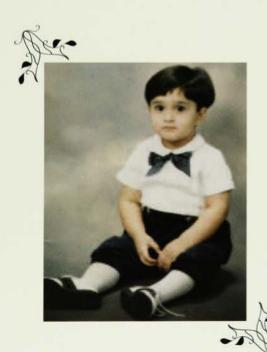
Danielle Eva Montag







Congratulations Danielle!
We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. We wish you much success in your future endeavors. May all your hopes and dreams come true!
All our love,
Mom, Dad and Carly









Dear Shaz,

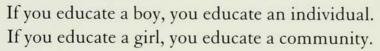
Congratulations on your graduation from George Washington University. We are so happy that you took full advantage of everything GW and Washington, DC had to offer. God has blessed you with special talents and we wish you success in all your future endeavors. Thank you for being a great son and a big brother. You enrich our lives and bring happiness.

Love, Mom, Dad & Haaris

Kathryn Sean Maloney







Kay, congratulations on your graduation from the School of Engineering on an Academic Scholarship. You, my Sweet, have accomplished so much in such a brief time.

The strength of a family, like that of an army, is in it's loyalty to each other.

We will always be there for one another.

Our admiration for the life you have built is overwhelming.

Your integrity, wisdom and accomplishments far exceed your 21 years.

God is present in all that you say and do. He rejoices in you.

Churchill said "There is no doubt that it is around the family and home that all the greatest virtues of Human Society are created, strengthened and maintained."

Enjoy each moment.

With Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Christopher

Theresa Starr Oliver

To Our Dear Granddaughter,

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

You stepped out on faith and followed your dream.

The Universal Temple Church family is very proud of you and all your accomplishments and achievements.

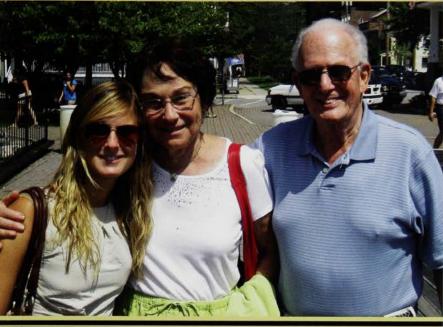
We look forward in seeing more great things from you for you are favored by God.

Congratulations on your graduation from the George Washington University.

Bishop Landon E. Penn, DD, Madam Marie Penn and The Universal Temple Church of God, Inc. and The Universal Temple Family

Becca Eocuraherg

Victoria Lane Sensi



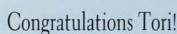






We've watched you grow into a beautiful, poised, smart, fun woman and couldn't be more proud of you! Mazel Tov on your graduation from GW; we can't wait to see your successes yet to come!

We love you, Oma & Poppa



Adorable baby to magnificent woman in the blink of an eye! We are so proud of you, Tori! You grow more beautiful each day, from the inside out. We wish you much happiness as you enter this new phase of life and forever after.

With love always and forever, Mom, Dad and Brian

Rebecca Jacobson - REB







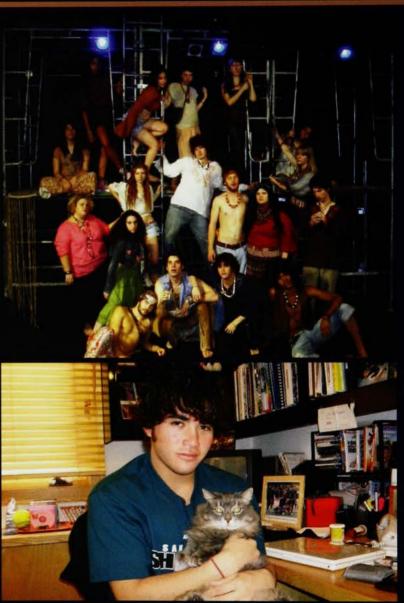
You live your days with drive and enthusiasm infused with determination and passion. We admire and nurture your path. You are headed to a great future based on a terrific past. Wherever you go and whatever you do know that we are always here for you.

Congratulations on this milestone in your life.

We love you very much, Mum, Dad, Matt and Jason

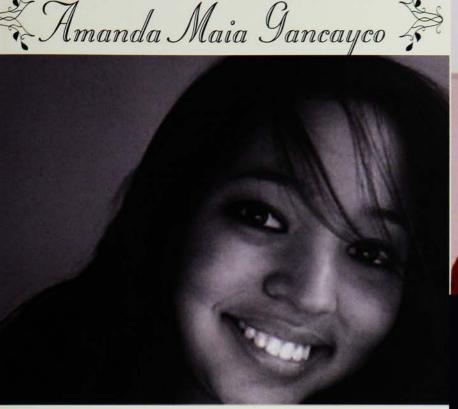
Colby Katz-Lapides





Congratulations on the remarkable people you've met; places you've gone; things you've accomplished!

With Love and Pride, Mom, Dad, and Monica



To our dearest Amanda Maia,

Congratulations on your Great Achievement! You are a beautiful, strong, wonderful, amazing individual, and there is no one else like you in the entire world. Be proud of who you are! Know you can do anything and no dream is out of your reach. Believe in yourself, reach for the stars, and have the courage and confidence to make your life the wonderful creation it is meant to be.

We are very proud of you and most of all we love you so very much!!

God Bless you!!

Congratulations on your graduation from The George Washington University!

Love, kisses and huggies,

Mom and Dad



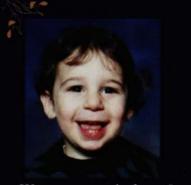
Congratulations Patrick Rizk

We are so proud of what you've accomplished, and we can't wait to see what you're going to do next. Little by little, you'll travel

We love you, Mom, Dad & Christie





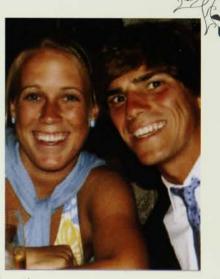




We are so proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad, Michael & Bonnie, Howard, Sharon & Glenn, Jake & Tiffany







Congratulations

You have a special way of brightening our days. We are all very proud of you and your many accomplishments at GW. We love you, Mom, Dad, JohnGarret & Conrad

Nbigail Francis Eross

Congratulations David R. Man







Work hard. Play Hard.
The Sky's the Limit!
Congratulations!
Love Mom & Dad



David, we are so proud of the man you have become and al you have accomplished in your four years at GW. You explored every opportunity Washington D.C. had to offer and made an unbelievable life for yourself, life long friends and the respect of your peers, co-workers and faculty, from the University to Capitol Hill. Congratulations or your graduation and remember to always stay true to yourself and reach for the stars. We Love You,

Mom and Dad

Congratulations Ariel





Some?

You have always had the determination and drive to be the very best you can be. This has led to the many wonderful successes you have achieved. We are in awe of all of your incredible accomplishments. Never stop questioning yourself or those around you. Follow your heart and your dreams will come true. We love you not only for who you are now but for who you have yet to become. Above everything else stay true to yourself.



Bethany Lee Crudele



We are so proud of you, Love, Mom, Dad, Lindsay, Crackers and Benjamin

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."

- Colin Powell

Becca Loeurnberg







Becca, we are the proudest parents in the world! We are filled with love and respect for you, appreciation of you, and a very wonderful knowledge, deep down where it counts, that you will continue to succeed and keep all of us in the glow of your beautiful spirit, kindness, intelligence and dignity. We love you with all our hearts! Congratulations!

Congratulations Jaime!





Dear Jaime,

The last 22 years have flown by. We are so happy to be able to celebrate this milestone with you as you graduate from the George Washington University and begin the next chapter of your life. You are an incredible young lady and a wonderful daughter, and we couldn't be more proud of you. Always believe in yourself like we believe in you. Wishing you a life filled with much happiness, love and success!

We love you, Mom, Dad and Howie

Theresa Starr Oliver

Dear Starr.

You are my shining Star. May beauty, happiness, peace and love continue to always shine within you all the days of your life.

Congratulations on your graduation from The George Washington University

I'll love you always, Your Godmother, Ann Hollis



Congratulations Supin K Jairath

We are very proud today and wish you all the success for a bright future. We love you and pray that you will fulfill all your dreams as well as ours.

Love you always,

Mom, Dad & Sapna



Rebecca Petralek Kolin

Dear Rebecca—

Your determination and smarts have taken you far, and will continue to drive you towards your goals! We know not only how successful you will be, but also what a loving, caring daughter, sister, friend you are to all.

It goes without saying that we are proud of you and love you tons!

Mom, Dad, Julia and David





Congratulations Sarah Gold

We deeply appreciate the strength of your character and how hard you have worked to achieve this enormous milestone. These traits will serve you well as you embark on a life rich in aspiration and fulfillment. Thank you for making us so proud!

Love,



Margaret Grace Inomata

Mom, Dad & Alana

Congratulations, Meg! We are all so proud and inspired by you. You have approached college life with energy and enthusiasm. Remember to take the knowledge, the experiences and the drive you developed at GW as you continue on your journey!

Lots of Love and Hugs,

Mother, Dad, Andrew and the Lloyd/Marino/Narvaez families

Becca Loewenberg



Dearest Rebecca,

You are my sunshine! And may the sun shine on you always! I am very proud of you and I love you very much!

> Love, Poppy Phil

Congratulations Balance Seniors!





Brittany Plavchak, Liz Hill, Catherine Bost, Erica Mandell, Cait Nordehn, Kristen Pepin, Melissa Attias, Barbie Grant, Amber Lewis The George Washington University Ballet Company Seniors

Congratulations



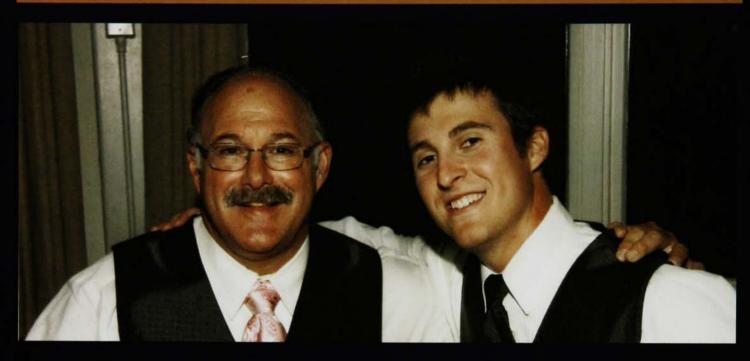
Lindsey Coonan!

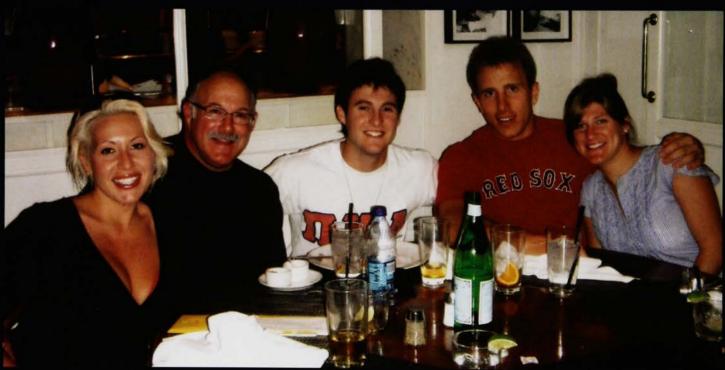


We love you and are so proud of you!
We wish you all the best in the years to come!
Love,
Lin, Mark, Buck & Marke
Patrick, Susan & Johnny



Congratulations Stevie!

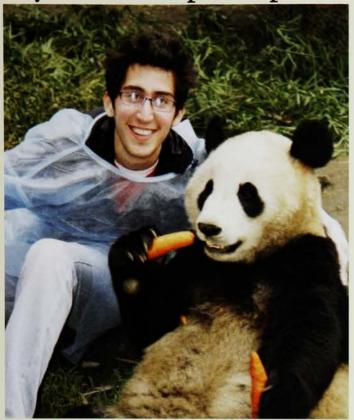




With your accomplishments and achievements, you have experienced the desires of your heart without making anyone responsible for your happiness. We are all so proud of you! With all of our love,

Dad and Diana

Dylan Joseph Aponte



Auguri Con Tantissimo Amore!

Dad, Mom & Celena

Mirza Abrar Ali Baig

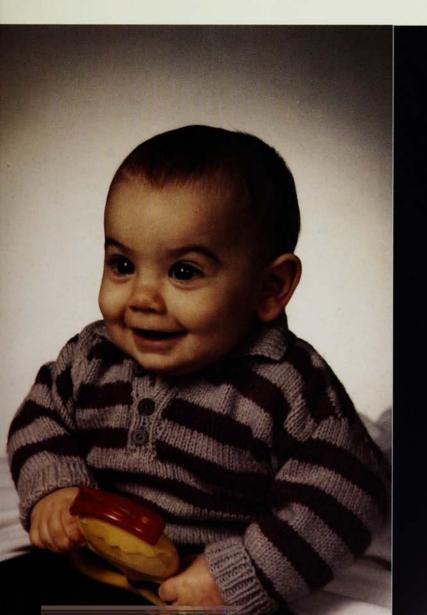






Congratulations! It's amazing to see the person you have become. We are all so proud of you and your many achievements. May all your dreams and aspirations for the future come true.

With much Love, Mom, Dad, Baji, Sadiq, Nausheena, and Romana

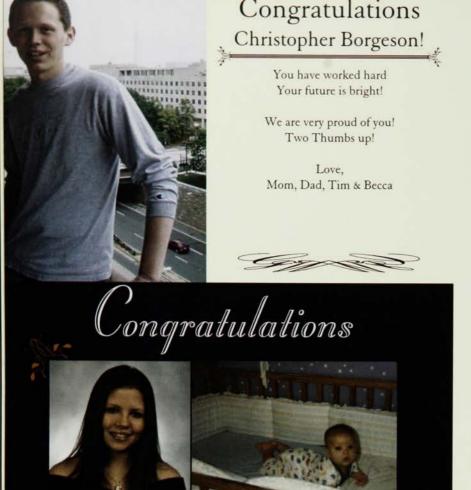


Derek King

As you graduate, there are all sorts of things we wish for you... good luck, success, and dreams to come true...

Congratulations!

we love you Dad, Mom, Ryan and Jillian



Ariel Brettholz



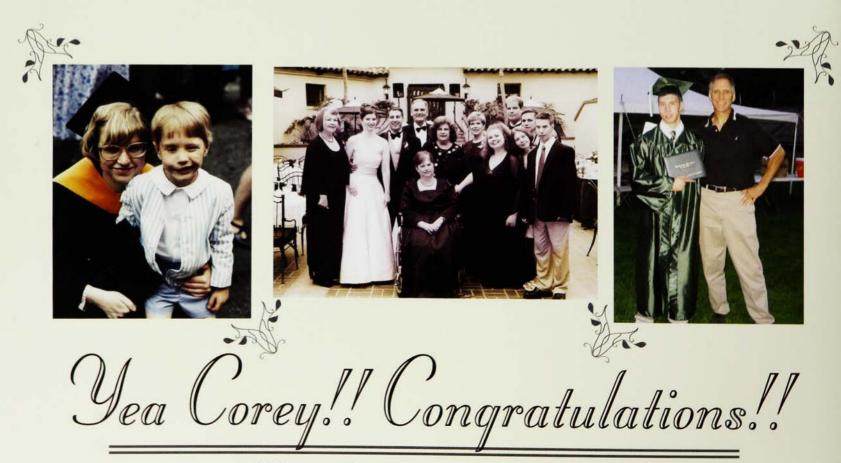
Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing them well.

-Josh Bilings



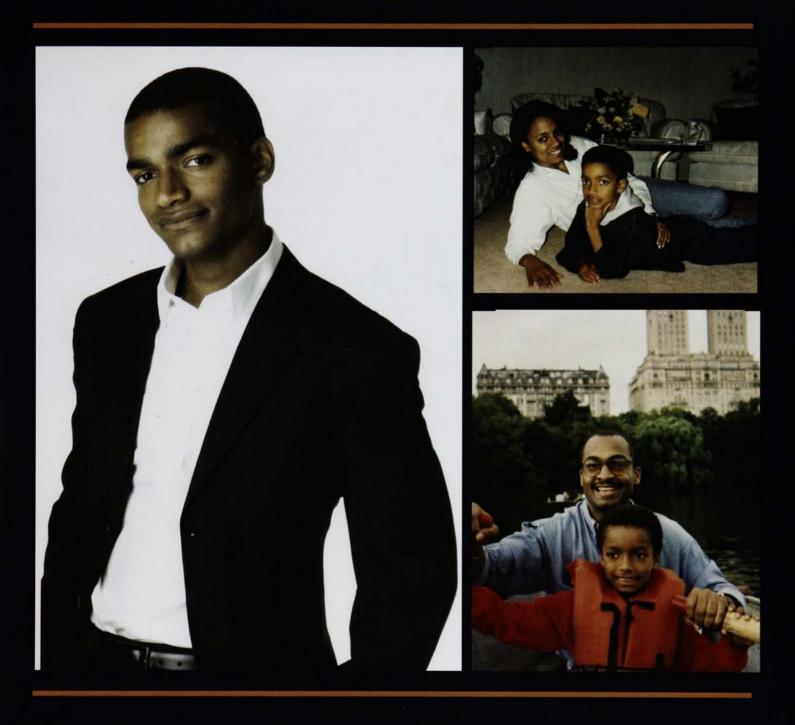
Congratulations on your great academic achievements. We are so proud of you Your tenacity and hard work will bring you success is the any path you choose. We believe in you – and look forward to sharing the journey ahead.

All our Love-Mama & Pa, Gail, Myles, Alex and Rebecca P.S. YOU BEAT ME TO IT! Love - Rebecca



We are all so very proud of you! Love, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Angie, Aunt Judy, Uncle Dan, Callie, John, Jeb, Lisa, your cousins and your loving Mom.

Congratulations Alain!



You are the Love of our lives. You have only made us proud. We can't wait to see what is next in your life. "To whom much is given, much is expected"
May God Bless your path with a clear sense of purpose With Love from Your Mom & Dad
Carl & Nadja

Fustine M. Benanty



Dear Justy,

Remember, everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

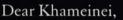
You're in flight and on your way...how proud we all are.

Dad, Nana, Poppy Jack, Stephanie, Hunter and Uncle Louie

Eongratulations Khameinei

Congratulations! Nazli Camlibel





We are so proud of you. You have grown to be such a fine young man. A wonderful son and brother. We know that you will be successful in everything you do. Always remember to turn to "Allah" and your family for guidance and support. We are there for you unconditionally.

Love Always, Mom, Dad, "Nana", Muazzam & Hadi





We are so proud of you today of all your accomplishments. As we celebrate your graduation from the George Washington University, our hearts are filled with admiration and joy. We strongly believe that your distinguished achievements today will lead you to even greater successes in life tomorrow.

You are an incredibly special and gifted person.
Your beautiful smile brings happiness to all our lives.
You have the power to make your wonderful dreams come true.
We will always be there, because we strongly believe in you.
May happiness, fulfillment, joy, beauty and peace be with you forever...

We love you sooooo very much... Mom, Dad and Zeynep

Congratulations Katherine Weeth Armstrong







Go out and find your next playground! We adore you --- Sarah, Scott and Lauren



Congratulations

Sophia Nakol Greenhouse

Dear Sophia,

We are so excited about the adventure on which you have already embarked. There is so much ahead of you to experience and so many opportunities lying within your grasp. Never be afraid to step out to fulfill your dreams and reach for your own happiness. Congratulations on your graduation. We are so very proud of you. Love,

Mom, Dad, Jack and Charlie



Congratulations to Farzaam



Mom and Daa

Samantha Lynne Chassir





We're so proud of you!

All our love, Mom and Dad







Congratulations to Mark Alan Baun Gr.

We are so proud of you! Love, Mother, Dad and Wellesley

Congratulations



Spencer Pariser



We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.

Keep making the good choices and enjoy the journey of life ahead.

It's so exciting.
With all our love always,
Mom and Dad

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
Henry David Thoreau



Christine, from the days of the 'Doodine' you've filled our lives with your laughter and antics. We've always been so proud of you. We're even more proud of the wonderful young woman you've grown up to be. We've always expected you to do your best, that 'good enough' was never good enough, but HOLY TOLEDO, we never expected you to be this FANTASTIC! We've lived the life we've dreamed, bringing you with us. As you go and do the same, know we love and support you as always. With pride and love,

Mom, Dad, William, Omi, G'andma and Pawpa

"Not all those who wander are lost."

J.R.R. Tolkien

Eongratulations on your graduation



We very sincerely congratulate you in your achievement. We are very proud of your accomplishment and wish you all the best in your beginning career. In the many difficult choices that you will have to make, follow your instincts and your ideals and moderate them with a good dose of realism. Life and the world are not perfect and probably never will be, but it is worth to try to do your best to try to improve them.

Learn from your mistakes, work hard and put the many good qualities of your character to good use and you will be successful and happy.

Go for it son Angel, Carmen and al your family







You did it! A constant stream of obstacles hindered you in your pursuit of success, but your determination is evident in your graduation from college, a dream unrealized by so many. However, your future has only begun. Whatever dreams you may have on the road, know that we will always love and support you. We have faith that you will follow through to the end, which may be just around the corner. You are almost there.

With unending love, Mom, Dad, Diana, and Dillon



My Darling Starr,

"Life will teach you a lesson if you only pay attention." -Elder Isaac Miller

You started out with a DREAM and you learned that a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

You had a PURPOSE because your vision was clear when you looked inside your heart.

You had COURAGE and you learned that courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying "I will try again tomorrow."

You set a GOAL and you learned that goals take the long view. One day at a time.

My darling Starr, always stay positive for you become what you think about and remember that things that matter most must never be at the mercy of things that matter least and always expect the best for if you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it.

Congratulations on the journey you have taken and your graduation from The George Washington University.

We're very proud of you and love you very much. Your Mother, your sister Tiffany & brother Landon



Tyson A. Johnson

Dear Tyson,

Congratulations on your graduation from George Washington University. You have worked very hard, grown as a person and deserve all the honors you have earned. We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Love always, Mom, Dad and Chelsea



Congratulations Mackenzie Sarah Lawrence

At last The skies above are blue My heart was wrapped up in clover The night I looked at you

With love from Mom and Dad



To our pride and joy: John-Carlos Estrai





Dear John

Since a child you have always been focused and driven to succeed. That determina tion that you had as a young boy has paid off and has made you into the wonderful young man you are today. May God always guide you in the right direction and watch over you. Your whole family is very proud of all that you have accomplished The George Washington University.

Con Mucho Amor Tu Familia

Dear Josh,

Dreams do come true and we hope that all of your dreams become a relaity for you. Our hearts are overflowing with extreme pride and much love as we celebrate this milestone in your life. You are an incredibly special man and you are destined to achieve great things. May beauty, happiness, fulfillment and peace continue to surround you all the days of your life. Congratulations on your graduation from George Washington University. We wish the best for you always.

> We all love you very much, Dad, Robin, Carly, Jesse, Chloe and Brooke





Sames Flavison



We are proud that you have become a smart, mature, able and thoughtful young man.

Graduation is the beginning, not the end and we are confident you can take advantage of any of the wonderful opportunities now before you. Be fulfilled, be happy.

Mum, Dad and Will

"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad." Theodore Roosevelt

Congratulations



Dear Karissa

Having you as a daughter has brought such joy into our lives. Your intelligence, beauty and kindness make you the incredible person you are. Words can not express how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. May you follow all of your dreams and may your future bring you all the happiness and success that you have earned.

We love you and can't wait for the next chapter to begin.
All our love today and always,
Mom Dad and Lexia





Congratulations

I am very proud of you. My heart is overflowing with joy, proude and much love as we celebrate this milestone in your life. Dreams do come true. Remember, I will always be here for you.

Love, Mom
* Al nacer tu ya eras mi Estrella







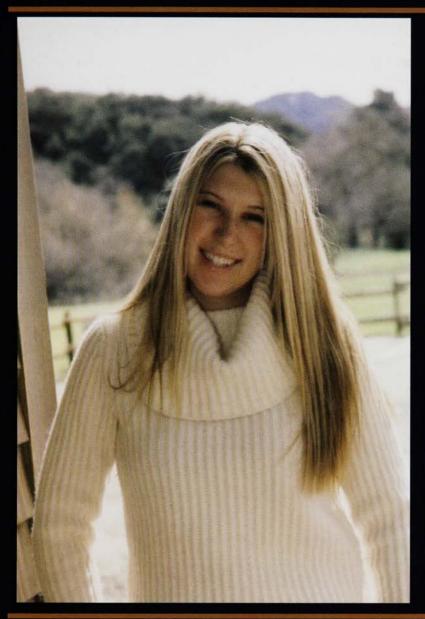
Congratulations Annelisa

We are always so proud of you! Love, Mommy and Laura

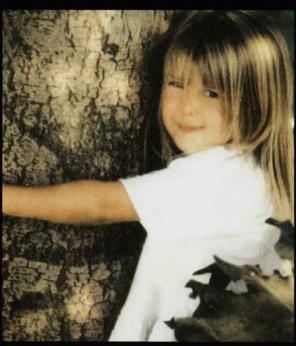
Lauren Marie Tochner



"You cannot help but learn more as you take the world into your hands. Take it up reverently, for it is an old piece of clay, with millions of thumbprints on it." -John Updike







Dear Lauren,

You are now standing on the threshold of the real adult life. You are free to go your own way. Now that your studies at GW are over it is time to create your own life and for this you have the whole world at your disposal. Upon your graduation, hold your memories in one hand, but leave the other open... for your life is just beginning; and the world that awaits you is endless! With knowledge in your hands, and an open heart, you'll have nothing but success.

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! All our Love, Mom, Dad, Austin and Kendall

Michael Brandon Zytnick



"Natural ability without education has more often attained to glory and virtue than education without natural ability." Cicero

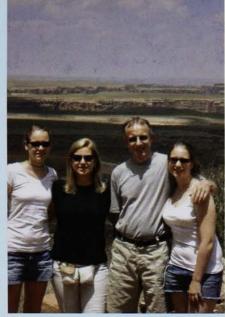
Michael,

The person you have become, coupled with your countless achievements, have surpassed all of our expectations. Your "natural ability" and endless perseverance have steered you along a pathway to great success. We anticipate future successes in whatever future endeavors you choose. Always remember that we love you and take great pride in calling you our son.

Congratulations, With love and great admiration Mom and Dad

Congratulations Kristina!







Dearest Kristina,

Congratulations on your unique and wonderful achievement! There is no limit to what you can do. There is no border you cannot reach across, no horizon you cannot bring closer.

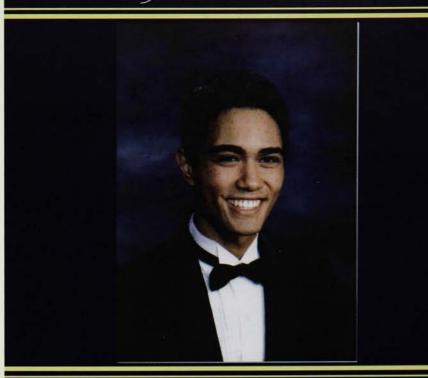
Keep pushing!

And stay beautiful.

Love forever,

Man, Tat and Tan

Congratulations Cameron

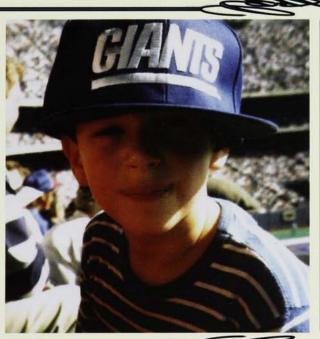


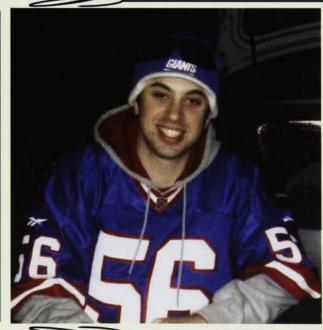
Dear Cameron,

Watching you grow into the young man that you have become makes us proud everyday that we have had the privilege of calling you our son. We are better human beings because of it. We wish you all the happiness in everything you pursue.

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations - Peter





You will always be a "Giant" among men. Make every day a new adventure. Keep focused on your goals, and you will surpass them all. Your future is unlimited. We are extremely proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations Rebecca!

Your sensitive and loving nature are qualities that make you stand out. Your determination and drive enhance them. Your gift of putting these together will take you far. Our family is so very proud of all your accomplishments.

All our love, Mom, Dad and Jonathan



Brittany Morgan Wirth

Brittany,

It is the full sum of all our accomplishments and challenges that make us who we are today, and prepare us for who we'll be tomorrow. Today you are a beautiful, self confident woman with a wisdom that only comes with being open to others' ideas and perspectives, having a willingness to inquire and learn, and an ability to know when and how to apply that knowledge. Stay true to your goals, stay true to your heart and you will continue to accomplish great things. And, always remember, "Anything is Possible -- if Only You Believe!"

With great Love & Pride, Mom & Sean (and, in memory of Dad)

Victoria Lynn Sabatino



Congratulations Tori!! You did it! Over these past four years, we have watched you grown into a beautiful, articulate, and independent young woman. We are so proud of all that you have overcome and accomplished. Your future is bright. We know that you will go on to achieve many great things and we will always be there to love and support you.

"May your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places you heart has ever known." Author Unknown

> We love you!! Mom, Dad, Nikki, Tucker, and Zeus

Congratulations Nicole K. Dowd







A job well done! We are proud! Love, Mama, Papa, Joshua, and Alexander To love what you do and feel that it matters how could anything be more fun? -Katherine Graham

Nikki Rappaport



Congratulations to our creative, enthusiastic, brilliant, determined, savvy and beautiful Editor-in-Chief.

You always make us proud!

With love ~ Mom ~ Dad ~ Zak ~ Jesse

Congratulations Alex Gallo







Thank you for making us so proud of the man you have become. Follow your dreams wherever they lead and always remember that our love, support and respect for you will be with you throughout our lives.

Love, Dad, Mom and Christian



Stephen Sames Reardon

Congratulations, Stephen, on a job well done! We're so proud of all you've accomplished and the young man you've become. You light up our lives and warm our hearts...you always have and always will.

With love, Mom, Loretta, Diane and Grandma

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Scott Lowenstein



Dear Scott,

We are so thrilled to be able to share in celebrating your graduation from George Washington University. Our hearts are truly overflowing with love. You can be so proud of your accomplishments. You are destined to do something meaningful. May beauty, happiness, fulfillment and peace continue to surround you all the days of your life.

With much love, hugs and kisses Mom, Dad, Jenny, Susanne, Eric, Ambra, and Mom Mom





We are incredibly proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Love, Dad, Mom, Jennie, Chrissie and Catie

Evan Achiron







Congratulations!

You're the best...
...Because you are so thoughtful, intelligent, funny and have a wonderul perspective on life. The future holds so much for you, and with hard work and passion, you'll

achieve anything you want. I wish you all the good things life has to offer... Health, happiness and many successes!

All my love, Dad



Linnea C. Bruce



Congratulations!

You have so many reasons to smile! Love, Mom, Dad, and Carl







Dana Rose Gottlieb

Dana

We are so proud of all of your accomplishments at GWU. We wish you the best with Teach for America and all your future adventures.

Love, Mom, Dad and Hannah



Congratulations David R. Mann

David, you are an incredible, special young man and I am so proud of be able to celebrate this milestone in your life. You are destined to achieve great things and I expect no less.

I love you very much, Nana



Theresa Starr Oliver

Dear Auntie Starr, Twinkle, Twinkle Auntie Starr Oh, how wonderful you are Like a Diamond in the sky You're the sunshine in our eve

You did it!! Congratulations

We love you oh so much Your nicces, Aminah (5) & Amaia (2)

Shanna Carolen Johnson





Congratulations, Shanna, on all your achievements at GWU. The knowledge you have gained during these four years, in addition to becoming a world traveler, is quite impressive. Your wit and determination will bring you much happiness and success. We are prouder than ever.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Lisa and Jodi



First you... climbed out o

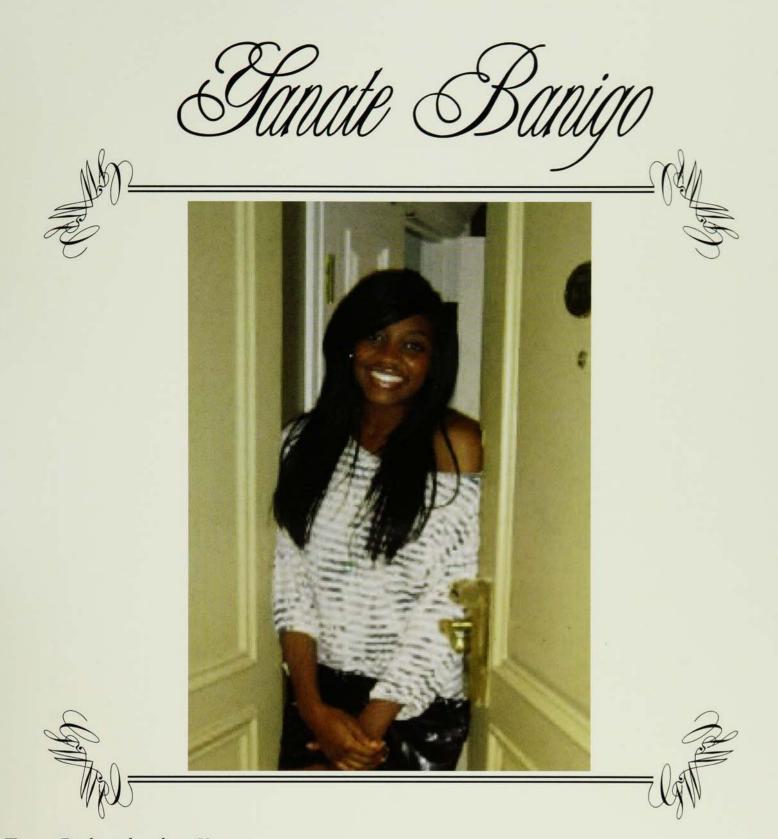
climbed out of your crib...crawled with your blankie... played with the triplets...trained the pooch...biked Fire Island...swam the lake

Then you...
journeyed to D.C...traveled the world...parachuted
Australia...bungeed New Zealand

Now you... soar to new heights and continue to amaze...

We love you Mom, Dad, Michael & Drew





To my Darling daughter Yanate

You are full of life and imbued with the future to fight for justice and make a difference in the lives of others. You aways have brought joy to the family. Congratulations of your graduation from GW and for what you have learned in the last four years. As you embark on your next stage of life, Daddy and Mummy wish you a life full of joy, challenges and triumph to enable you to stamp your footprint in the sand of time.

With love always, DADDY & MUMMY



Laura Permelia Jackson



To our beautiful daughter, sister and granddaughter Laura: We always knew you were a star and now as you rise to new heights in life's plan, we wish you all God's speed and our continued love and admiration.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement!
With much love,

Dad, Mom, Brother Dwight and Mom Mom Pam

Melissa Meyer

As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others -- attributed to Nelson Mandela

ou have always been "your own girl" from "Baby Elf," to "Glamour Girl" in the Gold cket, to "Pink Floyd rebel" vs. the school librarians, to "Montana" of the Colonial abinet! You're an independent woman, a loyal friend, a determined problem-solver, a efender of individual rights, and a sensational bundle of energy and beauty! We have many memories of all the days that made you who you are. Let your own light shine arough your many strengths and try to be humble!

Iom, Dad, Lesley and Jake

Theresa Starr Oliver



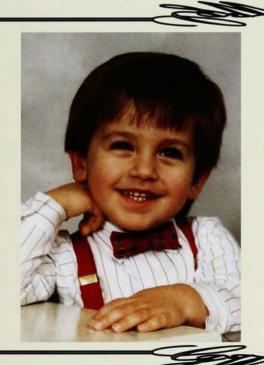
My Dearest Starr;

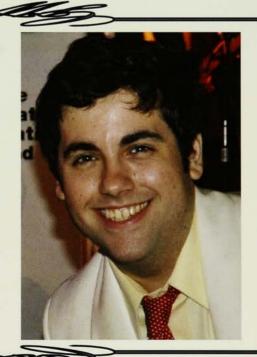
Congratulations! You've made it! There are no limits in what you can accomplish - the sky is the limit. We we first met, I had no idea that I would be a part of your successful voyage to graduation. "Now that you have been educated, sophisticated, matriculated, articulating, and graduated"...Consider yourself congratulated!!

You have intelligence and character, which will help you succeed in your future endeavors. Your name is a direct depiction of what, you are and what you will become. "You are a STAR". The future is full of beautiful tomorrows because you have been persistent enough to fulfill your heart's desire! Congratulations on your graduation from George Washington University! Go forth therefore and conquer the world! "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. You are the person who'll decide where to go." -Dr. Seuss

> Love always, Aldale Agard

To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but also believe. Anatole Frances





Kevin Vincent Mead,

Dreams do come true and you are destined to achieve great things! As you travel confidently in the direction of your dreams, may you go ith courage, dignity and wisdom. May your journeys be accompanied by true and cherished friends to share your passions and successes, your trials and tribulations. And may you never forget that your proud and loving parents, who forever hold you dear in their hearts, will always support and embrace you every step of the way. Believe in yourself, as we believe in you.

Melissa Lee Kiefer 🛸



Congratulations

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

Winston Churchill

Congratulations Maria

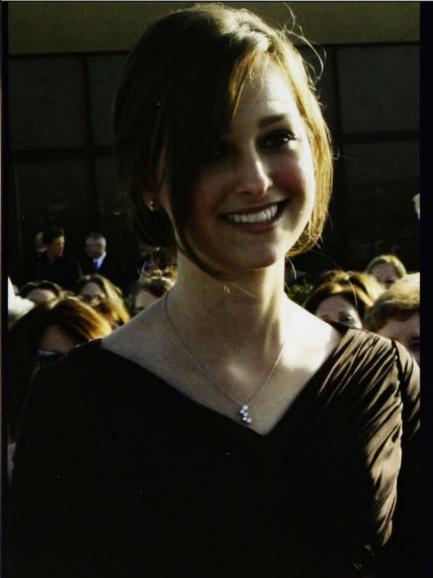






We are so proud of al of your achievements and we know you wil do amazing in law school. You are a loving daughter and sister wh will go very far in life and we will always be here for you. May you continue to find success and happiness wherever life takes you.

> Love always, Mom, Dad, Fred, and Joey



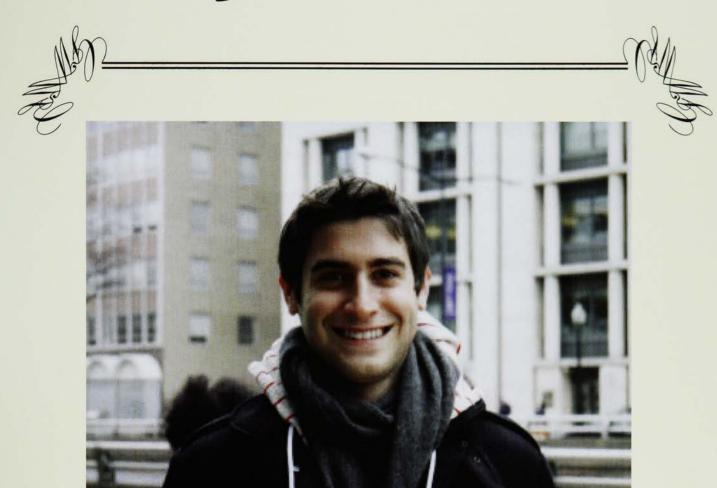
Maada E. Evonis

Congratulations Amanda!

We are very proud of your many accomplishments at the George Washington University. We wish you a bright future filled with success and happiness. Continue to live your life to the fullest, discover your passion, and follow it with all of your heart.

With much love, Mom, Dad, Becky, Ruvi, Jonathan, Danny, Bubbie, and Grandpa Irving

Enristopher E. Seotes





Dear Chris,

We wish you much success and happiness as you follow your dreams. Treasure the memories and friendships you've made and always believe in yourself.

With all our love, Mom, Dad, Michael and Nicole

"What lies behind us is nothing compared to what lies within us and ahead of us"



Chloe Alexandria Mayer









To our dearest Chloe

We are very proud of your scholarly accomplishments but more importantly we are proud of the person you have become.

Generous, caring, energetic, and determined is who you are.

The house resonates with your laughter when you are home, even Fluffy knows the difference.

Stay true to yourself and passionate in your choices in life. We will always be there to support you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Gabrielle and Julien

Congratulations Tanya





Mom, Dad & Anjan



Nicole Kingston





We are so proud of you.

Congratulations!

We love you.

Mom, Dad, Caroline and Jay



Congratulations Lillian

I am so proud of you! Love Dad

Musley Mara Brett



Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Your good heart and wonderful spirit shines through in everything you do. Remember, the best is yet to come!

Love, Mom, Dad, Megan, Ryan and "Duke" Congratulations Ashley!



We are proud of all you have accomplished, and for all that is yet to come. Your journey continues...savor every moment, not just the destination. Dream big, act, and believe!

With all our love and best wishes, Mom, Dad and Tim Samantha Lynne Chassin





We're so proud of you!

All our love, Mom and Dad

Lindsay Beth Goldberg

I hope your dreams take you, to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities and to the most special places your heart has ever known. We are so proud of you and your incredible achievements. You are an incredibly special woman and destined to achieve great things. We love you and may all your dreams come true. Congratulations on your graduation from George Washington University.

With much love, Mom, Dad, Jordan, Scott, Holly, Ashley and Zoe

Congratulations, Lauren E. Straker







We are so proud of your accomplishment, Lauren, and the person you have become.

You can do anything you set your mind to do.

We love you! Mom, Marty, Mike, Marty Jr., and Ryan

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Erika Anne Pillmeier







Dear Erika,

Congratulations on your graduation from The George Washington University. Your education has given you many opportunities and adventures. Internships, studying abroad in Vienna and you time on campus have well prepared you for a bright future. We are very proud of you and your many accomplishments. Reach for the stars, but always remember we are always here for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Matt and Krissy

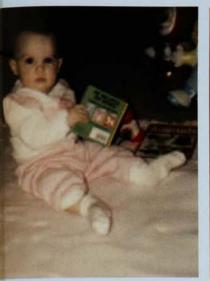
Marcus Lowell Rubenstein



- M Marvelously Talented and Committed!
 - A Awesomely Suave and Strong!
 - R Roller coasterly Passionate and Charismatic!
 - C Charmingly Personable, Endearing and Kind!
 - U Undeniably Jazzy and Improvisational!
 - S Seriously Smart, Spiritual and Sincere!
 - R Really a College Graduate and a Future Rabbi!!!!

Congratulations Marcus -- You are truly special! May all your dreams come true! Love, Mom, Dad and Amanda

Lauren Ann Murtagh







Congratulations,

Michael Eric Weissberg

Congratulations on your graduation.

We are so proud of you.

May all your dreams come true.

May your future be filled with good health, happiness and success.

All our love, Mom, Dad and Jessica



Emma, Gia, Nicole, Sarah Jane, Sabiha



Congrats and thanks to my 5 best friends! I love you! Nikki

Dear Lauren,

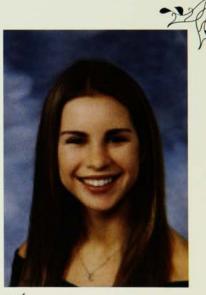
How fast twenty-two years does go and you certainly made the most of your first twenty-two! Always one to maximize your education, your experience at GW was no different. You fully immerse yourself in all that you do and it shows. Watching you grow up and listening to your music was such a joy. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and of you. This is but another step in your lifelong journey of learning and we know that you will continue to nourish your active mind. Whichever path you choose, your future is bright and may your dreams come true. Congratulations!

With much love always,

Mom, Dad, Mike and Tom







Congratulations Elyssa Anna Scharaga

It seems like yesterday, we were beaming during your kindergarten graduation smiling at our beautiful 6 year old and wondering how the future will unfold. Today we are very proud to see our bright, beautiful college graduate full of life and great accomplishments ready to shape the next years ahead.

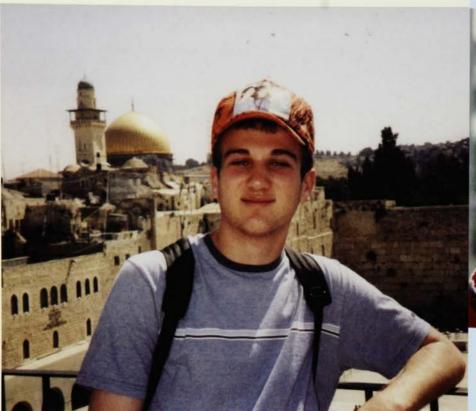
We love you, our sweetface

Mom and Dad



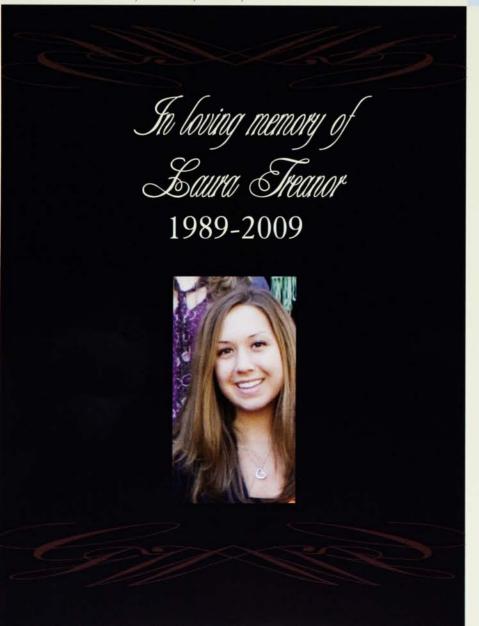
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Congratulations Ivey Leigh Wohlfeld

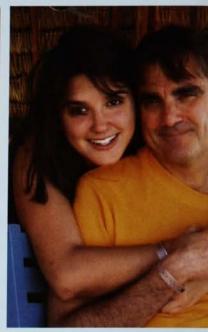


Way to go, Jordan! May your future be as bright as you are!

Love, Mom, Dad, Marisa & Steven









Today is the best day of your life, but tomorrow will be even better! May you always have health, happiness, love, friendship and success in your journey on the road of life that lies ahead of you. We are so very proud of you.

All our love, Mom and Dad



Emma R. Werlin





Congratulations!

You did an OUTSTANDING job at GW! With so much pride and lots of love from your Family.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009



The GW Alumni Association welcomes you to the GW alumni family!

We hope this book is one you can treasure for years to come.

2009 Cherry Tree Staff



Nikki Rappaport

Editor in Chief

I can't even begin to thank the people who helped produce this beautiful yearbook.

It was such a pleasure working and getting to know my staff this year. Without them this book would not have been possible. They've inspired me with their enthusiasm, dedication and vibrant personalities. I love all of you and I wish you well in everything you do. It was such a fun year - parties, NYC, meetings, senior portraits - I have such great memories of this special year.

Montana- I couldn't have survived this year without you. You were always there for me when I needed you to back me up, do some whipping and brighten the room. It was a bumpy year (seriously, the office collapsed on us) but we survived. You've become one of my closest friends and we've had such fun times that I will always remember. I love you! Becca- You've turned my sometimes random and messy ideas into a cohesive and sharp looking book. You carried our vision throughout every page and you should be so proud. It looks absolutely stunning! Abid- Every single photo in this book is incredible. The time and energy you spent on this project was outstanding and that means so much to me. This is your yearbook but also your extensive portfolio. Congratulations. Nicole- It was so much fun to share this experience with one of my best friends. Thank you so much for all of your dedication in improving the quality of writing in the book... I know you'll have the AP Style Book in your head forever now. You also put in so much extra work for me and I really appreciate that. Ted- Oh, Ted, what would we have done this year without you? You brought so much joy and fun to our staff. On top of building our morale, you did an amazing job executing and

recruiting for senior portraits and getting so many parent advertisements. I know you'll do an even better job next year! Maria- Thank you for being so efficient and successful at your job and always doing it with a smile. Your section really captures the diversity of student life on campus and I know that's what you wanted. Katie-I'm so impressed with the professionalism in which you communicated with departments, professors and administrators. You really represented Cherry Tree well and I can't thank you enough for that. Your features on professors and classes are so interesting and well-written. Julian- I hope you find this book "chic" and "sexy." Even though our teams' didn't always come out on top, the sports section it turned out great. Your insight into GW athletics, outstanding interviews and writing perspective really made it unique. I can't wait to follow your sports journalism career. Angelica- You did a fantastic job covering the large Greek Life community. I'm so impressed how you were able to not only include each chapter but honor each of their achievements this year. Callie & Alli- Best of luck next year with the 2010 Tree. It isn't easy so make sure you surround yourselves with great people and have fun. I know you guys will create a fantastic book and I can't wait to see it. If you need anything, I'm always here for you both. Leslie- It was so great getting to know you and working with you this year. You were such a big help to me and this book wouldn't have happened without you. Especially, thank you for your help with organizing the dust jacket production. Deborah- You have been such a wonderful friend and mentor this year. Really, thank you for all of your support for the Cherry Tree. It wouldn't have grown into what it has in the past couple of years without you. Shari- Thank you for all of your work on the dust jacket. You helped make my vision come true and it turned out so beautifully! Ed and Thornton Studios- We got the most senior portraits ever this year and we couldn't have done it without your hard work and patience. Milani and the rest of the Taylor team- You've been such a pleasure to work with this year with your patience, dedication and great spirit. I'm so thankful for all of the attention and care Taylor has given the Cherry Tree. Thanks for all of your hard work. And everyone who also influenced and encouraged me: My best girlfriends, Mom and Dad, Andy - You've put up with my complaining, helped me brainstorm and most importantly, inspired me.

Finally, to the Class of 2009- thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present you each with this yearbook. I can only hope that your copy of the Cherry Tree will make you as happy and proud as it has made me. Again, congratulations and best of luck.



Melissa Meyer Executive Editor

Cherry Tree Staff: It has been a pleasure to work and play with all of you this year. We may have started with a few bad seeds but I am so proud of the beautiful staff we blossomed into. Julian: With such massive sports smarts and charming smile I have confidence you'll score in any arena you pursue. Maria: "How do you solve a problem like Maria? How do you catch a cloud and pin it down?" Good luck next year! Angelica: I'm going to miss your contagious laugh and your Tuesday night dependability. Rock on at Columbia. Katie: Never have I met someone as happy as you. Thank you for the many times your smile brightened my day. Nicole: Thank you for being such a grammar whiz and telling it like it is. Also, thanks for helping feed the Washington Deli addiction inside of me. Ted: Having a guestbook at a birthday party says it all. You're a pleasure to be around and I'll let you know when I book my flight to Seoul. Becca: Thank you for interpreting our ideas into such a beautiful and unique book. Your artistic flair is quite impressive! Abid: If there was a medal for hardest worker you would win it, hands down. You went above and beyond the call of duty and the book's photos reflect it in their beauty. Callie & Alli: Good luck to both of you next year! I feel comforted knowing the future of the Tree is in safe hands. Deborah & Leslie: Thank you for your mentoring and friendship this year. You helped put things in perspective, and I've learned a great deal about working with "creatives" from both of you. Nikki: My years, and especially summers, at GW would not be the same without you. Thank you for inviting me to be part of the CI book. This year has had its ups and downs but they were all fathomable with you by my side, especially with baked goods. Teen magazines may be extinct, but you'll have no trouble excelling at whatever you want to. Love you girl!





Becca Loewenberg Senior Design Editor

Dear fellow Cherry Tree-ers, Working on the Cherry Tree this past year has been an amazing experience for me. It has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you. Your hard effort, creativity, and dedication have all paid off and we have an incredible book to show for it. Thank you for always filling the tree house with smiles and never making designing spreads feel like work! I know that this 101st edition of The Cherry Tree is the most fruitful yet, and it is undoubtedly due to an incredible staff. Never have I worked with such a group of intelligent and creative writers, and I am honored to say that I am a part of this team. I have full confidence that each of you will succeed in whatever journey you choose to embark on. Best of luck, love, and happiness to you all! Love, Becca



Abid Razvi Chief Photographer

It was an honor to be a part of this year's Cherry Tree staff. It has been an incredible year and being on staff with all of you made it that much more special. Nikki and Montana, you guys were the best leaders. Your management of the staff and dedication to this book are unparalleled. Becca, you've designed a beautiful book and your design elements make my photos look that much better. Callie, thanks for going through all those hundreds of photos and for editing them to their greatest potential. I know you'll do excellent next year as editor-in-chief. Nicole, I didn't write any copy this year but thanks for being a great friend and providing me with some photo ideas. To the section editors, Katie, Maria, Angelica, and Julian, thanks for always working around my schedule and giving me advanced notice for any photos. Also, thanks very much for following all my rules for the photo calendar. You guys did great. I only hope that my photos were able to bring your creative vision to life. Ted, thanks for making the office so much fun. I anticipate many more photo shoots in the future. I will always remember all of you on staff and the good times we had. Keep in touch everyone!



Callie Meserole
Photo Editor

This past year has been one of the most memorable years of my life. Marvin 407 became a new home to me and I am ever thankful for the opportunity to serve as a member of a truly unique team. I must thank the entire 08-09 staff for all of the incredible times, stellar work, and lots of laughs. Special thanks to the design team, Becca and Abid, you are both amazingly talented individuals and I have no doubt that you fill go far in life. Thank you for making my job so much easier. Nikki and Montana, you are great leaders and even better friends. Thank you for your hard work, support, and encouragement. And as excited as I am for the upcoming year to serve as Editor-In-Chief, I now realize the 2010 book has very large shoes to fill.



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Yekaterina Reyzis
Arts and Academics Editor

While a section with the word 'academics' may not sound very appealing to some, it does to me! I have had such a great time working with the Tree this year and I couldn't have done my section without the help of our amazing staff. Let's start at the top: Deborah, you kept us motivated and together all year, we couldn't have done this book without you! Nikki: I don't know how you do it, but you are absolutely fantastic! Your high standards made me a better writer and thanks to you, I will never miss another deadline :) Montana: you rock because you are the most approachable and easy-going person I know. Thanks for helping me hunt down those admins - they will always remember not to mess with the Tree. Abid, if you got a penny for every frantic e-mail, text, and phone call you got from me this year, you would be a millionaire - thanks for being so flexible! Callie and Becca, I am so soo proud of the way both of my sections look, and it's all thanks to you guys! Ted, Angelica, Maria, and Julian: I couldn't have asked for better people to hang with in the Tree House. To the returning few, I can't wait for next year and to those that are moving on to being big kids in the real world, I've had a great year and I'm going to miss you all!!



Julian Gompertz Sports Editor

Coming into my first year as an upperclassman, I realized there was so much about the Foggy Bottom campus that I was not aware of, and after the greatest year of college, to date, I can proudly say that my time spent working for the Cherry Tree will be something I hold with me forever. My first thank you belongs to Nikki and Montana for allowing me to adapt to this new form of writing. As a journalism major, yearbook writing is almost a whole other world, and while it took time, both of you allowed my copy to develop into the desired end result. A special thank you also to Deborah and Leslie for their hard work and unrelenting dedication to putting this book together. Your guys' support was always steadfast and made working on the staff that much more enjoyable. Nikki, you were patient with me every step of the way and allowed me to turn the sports section into something I am really proud of. Thanks for all you have taught me and I can't think of a better person to lead this book. Montana, you were always the one who lit up the room whether it was with your awesome smile or one of your many jokes, I will miss hanging out with you dearly and can't thank you enough for your support throughout the year. Katie, I do not know if a kinder human being exists on this campus, it was a joy to work alongside you all year and please keep in touch during our senior campaign. Callie, I wish you the best of luck next year with this book, you are an ideal fit for this position and I have the utmost certainty that this book is going to continue to flourish with you at the helm. I will certainly miss being a part of it with you next year, but please stay in

touch. Becca, I will apologize once more for Champions lol, and tell you how awesome this year was working with you. I wish you the best of luck in the future and know you are going to be great wherever life takes you. Abid, you are one unbelievably committed and driven individual and I am convinced that you do not sleep, instead roaming the district finding the best angles and areas to film each night. You have a gift with the camera, and you also have a way to always make people smile, don't lose either one. Angelica, it was a ton of fun getting to know you both in the yearbook office and in the SMPA curriculum. I hope you have an unbelievable time at Columbia next year but know you will be missed on this campus as well next year. Maria, what can I say that I haven't already said to you in person? There was never a dull moment when we got to hang out, and I can't tell you how much fun it was just to come along for the ride. You are going to be unbelievably successful because you care so much about those around you, and I will miss our talks more than you probably will ever know. I hope we stay in touch and just know that in the end it's always going to work out. Ted, you are probably the coolest person I have come across during my there years here in D.C. You have an infectious personality and you truly make everyone around you happier. Please don't be a stranger next year, as I cannot wait to hang with you next year mate. And don't worry, I'd never think of breaking up with you. Nicole, from the moment we first began talking at the CT orientation, I knew you were going to become as valuable a friend as there could possibly be. That bond only grew stronger as the year went along. You were always caring and unbelievably genuine, not to mention you also withstood many of my sarcastic quips, and I will always be grateful for the friendship we have developed. You are as good a person I know and I will truly miss having you around D.C next year. Don't ever lose your savvy, sharp intellect or your sense of humor and please remember me when you're running the New York Islanders. My job also could not have been done without the help and cooperation of Brad Bower, Jesse Hooker, Bridgette Robles, Simon Ogus, Benjamin "Tigre" Toder, Jordan Teller and all the GW coaches and athletes interviewed for this year's sports section. After three years in this city, I can think of no better way to cap my collegiate career than to quote the Chairman of the Board when I say this to everyone: "The Best is Yet to Come."





Maria Cheung
Student Life Editor

Student life revolved around what we did outside the classroom. Our passions, our friends, our goals, and our dreams were all cultivated through the organizations we were in. As Student Life Editor, I need to thank all of you for being such involved, driven, and dedicated people. To the student leaders I featured, my job would have been impossible without your help and cooperation. I loved learning more about you and your causes. To the yearbook staff, I adore all of you and thanks for putting up with all my craziness. Nikki, when ever I needed inspiration you were there to guide me, to listen to me and to advise me. You were the best Editor-in-Chief anyone could have ever asked for. Montana, you always made me smile and laugh hysterically. You taught me that life is only really worth living when you are yourself. Angelica, I had so much fun with you throughout the year and will miss seeing you almost everyday. Julian, my lunch buddy, you always knew how to calm me down in class, in the office or at a party. Ted, you taught me that karma will protect me in the end. You are "the man' and there's no one I'd rather make "an appearance" with, than you. Nicole, I loved how you always could interpret my random thoughts and follow them. You helped me through everything, copy related or otherwise. Abid, the nicest guy in the world, you saved us all this year. You never ceased to amaze me with your superhero abilities to be everywhere at once. You're going to be such a successful doctor! Becca, I absolutely am infatuated with you and your creative genius. You always knew exactly what I wanted with my pages. Katie, I loved getting to know you and I only wish we spent more time together! To Callie, the most amazing photo editor ever, I loved sharing stories with you and know you'll do an awesome job next year! And finally, to my two staffers, Manisha and Shannon, thank you so much for all your help and support this year. You both made my job a lot easier and more fun! To my amazing pi phi's, you are my sisters for life and thanks for always rescuing me. To my best friends who pushed me through everything this year, thank you for being there. Lastly to my mom, dad, and two little brothers, I could have never asked for a better family. Thanks for spoiling me, always being on my side, and knowing me better than I know myself. Love always, Maria



Angelica Spanos Greek Life Editor

There are a hundred things I can say about the Cherry Tree this year, dozens of inside jokes I can recall, and a couple deadlines I would like to not think about again. But there is one thing I cannot forget and will not forget about the Cherry Tree, and that is our staff. It was an unforgettable year with people who never ceased to impress me. Our ability to work so hard, surpassing old records, creating original and compelling work, and overcoming adversity was truly a feat that only our staff could accomplish. With an excellent photographer, designer, copy editor, and flawless writers our staff was irreplaceable. I could not have done my job without each and everyone of you, and I hope the feeling is mutual. Our combined efforts created the best team I have ever been a part of at George Washington, except for my three-time championship intramural soccer team, sorry, I had to say it. Meeting deadlines was sometimes hard, and sometimes pretty easy, but looking back I know that it was easy all along because of the ones that surrounded me on staff. Without everyone's determination and drive for this book, this collection of reflections of the school year, my job would have not been complete. I want to thank all of you for your work and for providing me with great models. Everyone on this staff was an example to me, and someone I could admire. I include Deborah and Leslie in this as well, for continuously reminding us how important of people we are to you and how important our jobs are to you. I am so grateful for the friends I made on this staff and hope these are everlasting friendships. Each and every one of you offered me something different and valuable that I will always cherish. I wish all of you the best of luck in your lives. Seniors, college is over, but this is the beginning of something even better, believe me. I wish next year's staff as best of a year as ours was, and good luck beating our senior portrait numbers. Thank you to my family for your never ending support and love. You have helped me believe in myself and in God and I could not be luckier to have you all behind me. I will miss everyone at GW; friends, teachers, classmates, and the staff. Most importantly, whatever comes next for us in our lives, there is always time for gratitude and new beginnings. I think it is better to have more beginnings than endings. Don't forget that. Lots of love to everyone, and best of luck. I know we will all meet again in our Tree house. Love, Angelica



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Ted Park
Business Manager

I still remember when I had my first encounter with Nikki and Montana during the interview for this position. Boy did I sweat inside. Since then, it was a rush of excitements and challenges; from stuffing parent letter envelops to promoting senior portraits, my title as the business manager was a duty that needed a lot of care. As I flipped through the previous Cherry Tree editions, it occurred to me that being on staff is not only to publish a book that represents the school and capture memories of the past year, but also to be part of the history and honor that GW has. Although troubled at times by personal matters and terrible sicknesses, I am confident to say our staff was united and caring through all conditions. Deborah, thank you for keeping us on track and hard work you have done for us. Having such a cool advisor definitely helped us create our masterpiece. I look forward to working with you again and I'll do my best to break the record again. Katie, it was always nice bumping into you outside of the office and your bright attitude always kept our meeting bright as well. I look forward to working with you again and I'm sure it's going to be great. Callie, you're the boss now! Your skills with photoshop still amazes me and I appreciate all the fine art course advice you have given me. It's going be sad with all of our senior staff gone but I'm sure our new Cherry Tree team can recapture the glory. Becca, though we haven't had much encounter, I know this book has so much of your hard work I can't describe in words. It was really good to meet you and I know I'm going to see you soon around either on Foggy Bottom or New York. Abid, you already know how much me and my roommate respects you in so many ways, and I'm

really happy I'll get to see you around campus for a while. You're a true hustler like an athlete on the pitch with your camera. And your pictures are absolutely brilliant. Someone once said memories fade but pictures are forever. You truly have the skills to capture something special for a life time. Thanks again A-bid. Angelica, Smith. I had a blast working with you and glad to get to know you. Columbia might kick your butt a little bit but I know you're going to be brilliant. And you're going to become an awesome New Yorker; not everyone can pull it off but I can see you running the town in couple years (not politically). Keep it real and I will see you around town. Maria, thank you for being so nice to me from the beginning to til the end. I still remember us supporting Hillary because we were both from NY and our ethnicity. Ha. I enjoyed our talks and coffee breaks and I hope to continue this when you're a law student in the city. And I know a very pretty prince charming will come and rescue you soon enough, hang in there. Maggie and Joe, thank you so much for helping out with ads. It was good to meet you and I hope to work with you again. Montana, rain or shine, you always kept me in order for me to do my job in best condition. I will always remember the laughs and good times we had and I really thank you for your unconditional support. I also enjoyed all the encounters on the streets and I hope we stay in touch for your future trip to my motherland. Nicole, my 'sudoku' lunch break friend. Who knew we had so much in common? I am really glad to have met you and represent Long Island with you. I still remember when you got our whole staff get into twittering and we all started twittering each other. I wish the best in life and I look forward to getting into hockey with you. I love you in a Korean way. Julian, ma man. You know my love for you is unconditional and it was really great to continue our friendship from the radio station, and I look forward to more fun we'll be having next year. Wish you the best in the future with ESPN. Dear parents and guardians, thank you. Thank you for your heed in our book, making sure the senior students get their portraits taken and getting back to us about which picture should go in the book. And being so patient with the parent ad process; I really appreciate each and every ads that you have submitted. Thank you. Nikki, you are one of the most passionate people I have ever met in my life; at the same time, you are caring and simply a fantastic leader. You have been so good to our staff and me; I enjoyed working and spending time with you as a friend and as a co-worker. Thank you for all the hard work you have done for the Cherry Tree and I am going to miss you a lot in the office next year. Be well and I am sure I will see you often. Thank you again Nikki and I wish you only the best in the future.



Nicole Kingston
Copy Editor

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I'm not sure what the Cherry Tree would have been like had you not joined the staff. I am so happy that we became friends this year and that you joined the Friday lunch club. I've really enjoyed our "pep talks." Good luck next year! I know you'll continue to represent the Tree with style. To Montana: I'm so happy I've gotten to know you this year. Thank you so much for all your hard work, all your copy insight, and for always keeping the office stocked with candy! I will certainly miss your sense of humor in the office, and of course, your parties. To Nikki: I am so happy we were able to work together on the Cherry Tree this year. Your enthusiasm and passion are unmatched and I know we are all thankful for your hard work and for being an incredible boss. We certainly have come a long way since freshman year, whether it be creating advertisements or being awkward at the holiday party. Thanks for everything these past four years.



































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